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1924 Ferdinand Street  
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To:  
Miss Mary Adams Perry;  
Mr. Lynn Dennis Perry, and  
Mr. Henry Vandalia Perry.

My Dear Niece and Nephews:

You have asked me what I knew about the Dennis family. It is a story much too long to relate verbally so I have correlated my notes and made this little book for you.

Genealogies and Family Histories are tedious. Nevertheless, they have a value. An early Latin writer has stated that "Family Trees bear two sorts of fruit; apples and crabs, and the crabs outnumber the apples." These pages do not distinguish between the apples and the crabs for I have been unable to establish a criterion to separate the two.

This represents inquiry and search on a subject that I have been interested in for many years. When I was a boy I used to consult the Family Bible (still in my possession) especially after a visit from one of the family, and quiz my grandparents in order to place our guest's position on a mental Family Tree. Later, when I was in college, I became acquainted with the late Judge J. Upshur Dennis who used to spend his vacations at Ocean City, Md., and who had searched the records for information on our ancestry. He left a little book, not dissimilar to this, dedicated thus: "I give this book, after my death, to my son, John Murdock Dennis: - not to encourage in him a false pride of ancestry, but in the hope that, reflecting upon the virtues and honorable lives of those from whom he has descended, he may be inspired by their example to strive to win, by his own merits, that respect and confidence which has always been accorded them by their fellow citizens, and thus attain the only distinction of rank worthy of a proper ambition, or that can be tolerated, under our Republican Government." Dated: Baltimore, June 1890. He had access to his Family Bible and tombstone records, and was the first one to gather the Donnock Dennis land records, his will, and the dates of birth of his children. As further data have come to me, I have added to his notes from time to time. I have endeavored, without much success, to check his notes on the antecedents of Donnock. Under "The Descendants of John Dennis (1679-1743)" I have used his data, supplemented by later information, bringing it, in some instances, into the twentieth century.

In "A Short Sketch of John Slemons Stevenson (1807-1857)" by John S. McMaster, printed privately in 1902, the author stated without qualification that Donnock Dennis 1st "married Ellice Littleton." I have checked this and the family name, Littleton, is difficult to read. Mr. Millard Hudson and others, more experienced and capable than I, agree with Mr. McMaster. Littleton being a Christian name in all of the lines of her grandchildren that have been followed, is circumstantial evidence that this may be true. At that time, 1661, the only Littleton family known to be living in Virginia was descended from Colonial Nathaniel Littleton and his wife, Ann Southy. Ellise may have been one of the "two younger children" mentioned in Ann Southy's will. (A).

Colonel John D. Long was the first to call attention to the fact that Hope Taylor's wife must have been Margaret Dennis of Donnock. In the record, the entry





is difficult to read; even Clayton Torrence failed. As the Longs and Adams were descended from the Taylors, this furnished a Dennis connection for them and related families herein listed under the "Descendants of Margaret Dennis." Miss Katherine K. Adams of Chicago has been a careful and tireless investigator of a number of families including the descendants of Philip Adams of Snow Hill (of Thomas Adams of Accomack county and England). I have shamefully and disgracefully copied her notes to show the wide range of intermarriage. My notes contain very few entries of the descendants of Donnock's two youngest daughters, the wives of Hugh Porter and Jeremieh Morris. There are a few Porter entries. I have done nothing about the Morrises because I feel that family is sufficiently large to produce its own genealogist. Ellice Dennis of Donnock married into the Hudson family and I have depended on the late Mr. Millard Hudson whose notes, so I am told, have been filed in the archives of the Maryland Historical Society by his surviving daughter. The descendants of the Dennis family that married into the Fooks family have not been tabulated in these notes because reliable and accurate data has been published in "Fooks Family" by Herbert C. Fooks of Baltimore, Md. Had it not been for the tireless effort and time-consuming interest shown by Mrs. William Ward of Crisfield, Md., I could not have collected the data of the living descendants of Valentine Dennis nearly so accurately and completely as has been done. Mrs. Irma B. Tilghman of Salisbury, Md. has been of assistance during these years. Her data are uniformly accurate and reliable and I feel that her judgment is sound.

No genealogy is complete. It is open at both ends and has some incomplete branches. Donnock Dennis (1645-1716/17) was survived by seven children, two boys and five girls, all mentioned in his will and that of Roger O'Cein. It is the progeny of these that I have tried to trace. For the boys, I have had modest success. After 1910 Judge Dennis and I estimated that the number of descendants of Donnock Dennis must have been about eight hundred and the subsequent years have increased that figure. A fair statement is that the Dennises were close to the land. In colonial days, and since, some have been active in the public service and in the church. Each generation has contributed doctors, ministers, lawyers, and public servants. It is doubtful that there has been an administration in the three lower counties of Maryland devoid of a descendant of Donnock Dennis. Originally, they conformed to the established religion. Currently, Methodists and Presbyterians predominate.

Engineers feel that any book that is worth publishing is worth an index. These unindexed notes are not for publication and I have no thought of offering them for sale. If you find them of interest, I shall be happy indeed.

Your uncle,

Lynn Perry.





## IN ENGLAND

The earliest land records of England are recorded in Domesday Book, 1086. Entries there indicate Dennis holding in a number of counties with a heavy concentration in Devonshire as it is now. The name was spelled Dene, Dena, Denais, Deneis, most frequently Dene. At that time, the two spellings, Denny and Dennis, had not been developed. Dene is Old English meaning pasture especially hog pasture. Although the roster of Battle Abbey has not been examined, it appears to be hardly worth the effort. The Dennises were a pre-Norman family, possibly pre-Danish.

The following quotation is from "The Homes of Family Names" by H. P. Guppy, London. 1890. "Dennis is an ancient name in Devonshire. In the reign of Henry II (1154-1189) an influential family of LeDennis resided in Pencrasweek in the hundred of Black Torrington and from this sprang the knightly of Dennis of Blagdon, Manaton, and the families of Dennis of Holcombe, Burneth, Collicombe, etc., in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Dennis was a Biddeford name in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Anthony Dennis or Orleigh being Mayor in the reign of James I whilst Robert Dennis was a Biddeford alderman somewhere about this period. Thomas Dennys was Mayor of Barnstaple in the time of Cromwell and Nicholas Dennys was deputy-recorder of that town in the reign of Charles II. The Principal home of that name in this county is still to be found in Barnstaple and its neighborhood." The current telephone directory carries three columns of Dennis names.

## DENNIS

Buried in the  
North Transept of  
Winchester Cathedral

Edward Dennis Esq. son of Edward Dennis Shanklin in the Isle of Wight, Est.  
Aged 18. April 1, 1667.

On this stone, above the above inscription is the arms..  
The shield bears the familiar three Danish battle-axes.

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Notes on the entries in Domesday Book; record of the land of England made in 1086.

"Dene, Old English, pasture especially hog pasture."

"Denny, Deneis, Deneye, perhaps the Dane's Island."

In Domesday Book as

Dene in Sussex, Hantes, Devense, Oxenshire, Gloucester,  
Bedford, Northumberland.

Chestershire, Dene, Dena

Sussex, Dene.

Hunteschire, Dene, Dena.

Dorset, Devenis.

Devonshire, Dena.

Hertfordshire, Denais, Deneis.

Oxenfordshire, Dene.

Cloucestershire, Dene.

Bedford, Dena, Dene.

Northamptonshire, Dene.





## A R M S

The Dennises that came to Virginia use the same arms and crest. We find in the reports of the visitations of the College of Heraldry under this name:

"Dennis, (Holcombe, co. Devon). Sir Robert Dennis, Knight of Holcombe, married Mary Blount. He was the oldest son of Sir Thomas Dennis of the same place, who was seventh in descent from Walter Dennys of Giddecoke, within the hundred of Black Tborrington, co. Devon.

"Arms: Ermine, three bills or battleaxes gu.

"Dennis, (co. Devon, borne by Sir Thomas Dennis of Holcombe when he received honor of Knighthood, Henry VII). Same arms within a bordure en-grailed gu. Crest added later by Thomas, grandson of Sir. Thomas. A griffin's head erases ermine.

"There is no motto given."

This left the last Sir Thomas Dennis with a white shield with a red en-grailed bordure and three battleaxes, red also. No date is given for the knight-  
ing of Sir Thomas but as crests were not begun until the reign of Elizabeth, it appears that the original settler was grandson or great-grandson of Sir Thomas Dennis.

In the reports of the visitations of the College of Heraldry we find a rather large number of families intermarrying with the Dennises. Among these are St. John, Colton, Heron, Taylarde, and Washingley.

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## ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Vol.	Page	Entry.
1	23	September 15, 1634. John Dennis, aged 24 made oath that Edwin Drew accused Wm. Crozier falsely.
1	25	January 5, 1634. The Court found that John Dennis was indebted to Obediance Robins in the sum of 190 lbs. of tobacco.
1	26	Ordered execution on John Dennis for 190 lbs. of tobacco for Obediance Robins.
PB1	183	June 25, 1635. A patent to Daniel Cuigley for 400 acres of Accomack County was granted "due for transportation of eight persons." Among them was Peter Varlow and John Dennis. Cuigley came to America on the ship "London Merchant" in 1620, aged 28 years. No date of sailing or age is given for Varlow or Dennis. Cuigley was a mariner and may have made several round trips between 1620 and 1635,
1	40	Will of Robert Edmunds dated Dec. 27, 1633, probated September 14, 1635. He left tobacco to his wife and child which tobacco was in the hands of John Dennis and others.





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- 1 64 January 1, 1636. Upon complaint of Thomas Hunt against the surety of John Dennis and Parke Crooker that they did not appear at Court according to a writ, the sheriff was ordered to pay the corn according to conditions.
- 1 50 April 4, 1636. John Dennis made a return of an inventory to the Estate of Nicholas Throgmorton.
- 1 51 May 16, 1636. An entry concerning Peter Varlow and Daniel Cuigley. This Peter Varlow may be the original settler of the Farlow family on the Astern Shore.
- 1 54 August 5, 1636. John Dennis made oath that Roger Roads and Mr. Milling used oaths and hot words and Roads accused Milling of killing his son.
- 1 75 July 3, 1637. John Dennis sued by Stephen Charlton for 140 lbs. of tobacco and ordered to make surety.
- 1 81 September 25, 1637. This is a deposition of "Anne Dennis wife of John Dennis."
- 1 109 June 9, 1638. John Parrimore sentenced to the stocks for saying something about John Dennis sworn to by Wm. Millinge, Gent.
- 1 110 July 9, 1638. John Neale made oath that he had not received payment from John Dennis for a sow now in possession of said John Dennis and John Parrimore.
- 1 111 August 13, 1638. Ordered by John Dennis receive twenty lashes for contempt of Court.
- 1 113 Aug. 13, 1638. Ordered that John Dennis deliver a sow with pigs to John Parrimore.
- July 5, 1643. John Dennis made an affidavit and signed it with his own signature. This is the earliest Dennis signature, in America, and in the author's files.
- 3 24 Feb. 26, 1645. John Dennis helped make an inventory.
- 3 159 November 16, 1648. John Dennis was ordered to hand an attachment. Apparently he was some sort of a Court Officer at this time.
- 1 112 August 13, 1638. Ordered that John Holloway have 116 lbs. of tobacco in the hands of John Dennis he owes to Stephen Charlton.
- VES 136 "Robert West stated in a deposition that he was 'at John Dennis house one whole day playing at Nyne pins.' " 1636.

From the foregoing entries (in A. vol. 1.) we gather that John Dennis, (b. 1610) had been in Virginia long enough to become delinquent to Obedience Robins by January 5, 1634, that his wife was Ann, that Daniel Cuigley had used his name as a headright, and that he had quiet possession of land on which he and some of his neighbors played 'nyne pins.' From subsequent land grants





patented to others, stating that the land so patented was bounded by that of John Dennis. all of which have been plotted and published in VES, we can locate the property of John Dennis approximately. It was about half way between Cheriton and Cape Charles not far from the existing concrete highway, perhaps across it.

By 1654, Marke Hammond was dead and his son and heir-at-law was Edward Hammond. (PB6, p.266.) In his application for a grant of land, Marke Hammond had, in the list of headrights filed with the Court, included "Ann Dennis, my first wife" and "Mary Clarke, my now wife." (VES p.382.) So it appears that between August 13, 1638 and 1654, John Dennis had died, his widow had married Marke Hammond, died without making use of her headright, Marke Hammond had remarried, died intestate, and left an heir-at-law. Mary Clarke (1618-1703) married Richard Jacob and 3rd Arthur Upshur, raised a number of children and is buried at Warwick. The records have not disclosed how John and Ann Dennis came into possession of land, how the land was disposed of, when they died or whether or not they had any children.

PB3, p.289. Thomas Stratton was granted 257 acres, Oct. 5, 1654 "being a neck called Aquesca bounded Northerly by the land of John Dennis." It was repatented by his son Benjamin Stratton March 26, 1662 with the same description. (PB7, p.198). This land can be located (VES. p.127) about a mile south of Cheriton not far from the existing concrete highway. The land to the north had been granted to William Melling in 1636 (NM p.43) whose widow, Ann, took over in 1662 as Milling's wife and attorney. Note, A.1, p. 54 and 109 (ante): It would appear that John Dennis made some arrangements for the purchase, or quiet possession, of land from William Melling. As William Melling sold parts of his land to Alexander Mountney, John Daniell, and John Waterson, his land may have been purchased from one of these. His neighbor to the south was Thomas Stratton; further south, Thomas Gascoyne (NM 46, of which no disposition has been found); still further south, John Parrimore. Stephen Charlton lived on the seaside (VES).

No entry has shown from whence this John Dennis came, the name of his wife and children, when he died, how he came into possession of land nor how the land was disposed of. He may have been the John Dennis who sailed from Gravesend on July 31, 1635 (see ante). He may have been a son of John and Ann (see ante) and inherited without record. Furthermore, he may have been the father of John Dennis who lived in Northampton County during the next generation and who is referred to in the county records. See: Vol. 13, p.405; Col.14, pp.140,167,178, and whose inventory appears April 12, 1728. See, also: Vol.14, pp. 50,209,321,386, in reference to Bryan Dennis during the same generation. Indeed, he may have had a son named Donnock.

William Roberts was granted 600 acres Nov. 27, 1657 (Northampton Co. PB No. 4, p.121, entry 180) due him for the transportation of 12 persons among whom was "Tonnoth Dennis." This has been copied a number of times (see NM pp.353,356; OS p.441; VES p.452) and it has been felt by some that this "Tonnoth" Dennis was our original settler. This is possible. If so, he was 12 years old in 1657, young for an immigrant, younger than Ensign Thomas Savage when he came to America. A more likely conjecture would be that one of his parents brought him; if so, his parents were whom? John Dennis? Even so another entry is required to show which John.

John S. McMaster in his "A Short Sketch of John Slemons Stevenson (1902) says bluntly: "John Dennis, 1st (1612-1679)" (See, ante: N. Vol.1, p.23. Sept. 15, 1634 - 24 years of age makes his birth in 1610) "emigrated from





England to Virginia. He married as stated elsewhere. He had with others:

"Donnack Dennis 1st (1645-1716) who was a lawyer and lived at Dividing Creek when it was the county seat of Somerset County, Md. He married Ellise Littleton and they had seven children.....)

Where he got the 1679 is not clear.

See, ante: N Vol.1, p.81. Sept. 25, 1637. His wife was Ann. Although the exact date of the death of either John or Ann is unknown, they could have had some surviving children. This certainly is not the John Dennis who died in Northumberland Co. whose wife was Mary and who paid the passage of his son, John, and daughter-in-law, Barbery.

The Northampton county records carry the name of John Dennis continuously to Nov. 16, 1648. This name does not appear again until (N. Vol.13,p.405) Jan. 29, 1696 after which John and Bryant Dennis appear occasionally until Apr. 3, 1728 when the inventory of John Dennis' estate appears. They were not followed further.

It appears that John Dennis (1610 - ) died shortly after Nov. 16, 1648. Ann survived him and married Marke Hammond, did not live very long and Marke Hammond married 2nd, Mary Clarke who survived him in 1654, married Richard Jacob, survived him and married 3rd, Arthur Upshur. See: PB6,p.266 and VES p.382.

No record of John and Mary Dennis has been found in the Northampton county records. Indeed, if it had not been stated by Judge Dennis and Mr. McMaster that they lived on the Eastern Shore for a period (approx. July 31, 1635 to Sept. 15, 1649. PB No. 2, p.177) their residence on the Eastern Shore would not have been considered. Both were careful investigators and must have had good reasons for stating that they were the parents of Donnock. Of course, it is possible that some or all of the entries quoted (ante) and dated after 1638 may have referred to John before he moved to Northumberland Co. He had at least one son, John, before he left England and he paid the passage for him and his wife, Barbery, about the time Donnock was born.

Donnock Dennis' name has not been found on any passenger list. The use of his name as headright is poor evidence; some names were used more than once. Perjury has occurred in every generation. (See: Mark 7:21 and the ninth commendment). Our ancestors were not paragons of virtue.

Concerning our first Dennis ancestor, Judge Dennis wrote in 1890: "John Dennis who sailed from Gravesend, England, in July 1638, (should be July 31, 1635, see H. p.116.) at the age of 22, in the Ship 'Merchant's Hope', after examination by the Minister at Gravesend, 'touching his conformitie to the Church Discipline of England,' and after having taken the 'oath of Allegiance and Supremacy'. Beyond this entry, nothing is known of antecedents; and, so far as I am aware, no attempt has been made to trace them.

"He settled in Accomack Co., Va., married and had several children, as appears by his will on record in Northumberland Co., Va., to which county he seems to have transferred his residence late in life.

"His son, Donnoch (which I think the correct spelling) married Elice Nehulian, July 31, 1662, (see Northampton Court Records, p. 68, Vol. 1657-1666), and in 1664 removed to Maryland. His residence at Nassawadox was



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upon a tract, or two tracts, known as 'Dennis' Second Purchase'. His patent for that part of the present Beverly tract upon which the mansion-house is situated, embraced two hundred and fifty acres, commencing for its southern boundary about the "little island".

These paragraphs have been checked at the source. The first and all of the third except the first three words are accurate. Concerning the remainder, the following items are of record:

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., VA., REGORDS. John Dennis was granted 350 A. (PB2, p.177) September 15, 1649, located in Great Wicomico Parish, bounded on the north by a branch of the "Great Wicomico River", on the East by a branch dividing this land from the land of Thomas Gascoyne (pro. Gaskin, an Eastern Shoreman) due him for the transportation of seven person into the Colony, namely: Richard Parker, Charles Walagrane, Barbery Dennis, Robert Swanson, Thomas Long, Thomas Acties (?) and a servant of Captain Stone.

This land was repatented (PB3, Entry No.265), July 16, 1654 to the Orphans of John Dennis with a clearer description and the addition of 50 A. due them for the transportation of William Dingley to the Colony (PB Colonies O, p.265). The transportation of John Jr. was paid by John Sr. and the balance charged against his estate "for transporting decd. goods from (looks like) Yarmouth moor." Both John Sr. and John Jr. were immigrants but we have no entry of either having been a headright; nor Mary, widow of John Sr. who may have been his second wife born in America, on the Eastern Shore as Judge Dennis suggested. There may have been some family or marriage connection between John Sr., Thomas Gascoyne, or William Spicer, all Eastern Shoremen and all requesting grants at about the same time, on "Dennis his creek" in Northumberland Co. PB5, p.54 and 58 indicate grants to Dennis Eyre and Dennis Conway, made March 1st and May 9, 1662.

The inventory of John Dennis Jr. (including one Bible and seven other books appraised at 50 lbs. of tobacco) who died at "Wooromarod" at John Dennis Sr's., July 31, 1652 appears in RB 1652-58, p. 18 made September 4, 1652, followed by the distribution filed by John Dennis Sr. Administrator, January 20, 1652/3. There was no real estate and the widow, Barbery Dennis, was awarded the proceeds.

The inventory of John Dennis Sr. who died January 28, 1652/3 is recorded March 10, 1652/3 in RB 1652-58, p. 24. It included, among the two pages of items, "half a shallop," "a small boat," "1440 lbs. hanging in the Tobacco house," and "350 Acres of Land" which was appraised at 4000 lbs of Tobacco. The estate totaled 15,850 lbs. of Tobacco. The widow, Mary Dennis, was named Administratrix and Guardian of the "Orphans."

Then follows the hog and cattle marks of Richard Dennis and Pascoe Dennis recorded June 10, 1653.

John Dennis Sr. was 34 or 35 yrs. of age at the time of his death (RB 14, p.41), - b. 1618.

By September 26, 1653/4 David Spiller had married the widow, Mary Dennis. He became Administrator for John Dennis' estate July 20, 1654, was appointed constable November 20, 1654, and was 36 years old at the Court of August 20, 1655 - b. 1619. He was appointed guardian of the "Orphans" of





John Dennis April 13, 1657 and his will was probated and inventory filed October 21, 1658. No widow is mentioned so Mary must have been dead. John Swanson, he called his son, John Dennis, his youngest son, and Richard and Pascoe his "sonnes." Robert Swanson was one of John Dennis' headrights.

Continuing (RB), Barbery Dennis, widow, gave her daughter, Mary, four cows, December 26, 1654. John Dennis witnessed the deed: Davis to Coppidge, October 1, 1670. John Dennis was aged 11 yrs. August 21, 1678 - b. 1667, perhaps a son of John, Richard or Pascoe. Walter Dennis helped appraise the estate of John Hull, January 11, 1678/9 and was drawn for jury duty January 21, 1668/9. These are the only entries concerning Walter Dennis. Finally, Richard Dennis' inventory was filed June 18, 1718 for the orphans; John Nipper was named "his next of kin."

Donnock Dennis is not mentioned but Judge Dennis must have had a valid reason for the statements quoted. At the date of the original patent, Donnock would have been four years old and at the time of the death of John Dennis, Sr., he would have been seven, probably near the age of Walter, who is not mentioned either, and much younger than Richard and Pascoe.

The interrelationship of the Dennises of Northumberland Co., Va. (1649-1700) is shown on the following diagram.

# NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PLATE 1.

- John Dennis, RB14, p. 41. Age 34 or 35 in 1653.
- b. 1617 or 1618. Hutton gives age 22 in 1635 - b. 1613.
- d. January 28, 1652/3 Inv. RB 1652-58, p. 24. Wife Mary who administered the estate and became guardian of the children.
- m. Mary who m. 2nd, David Spiller who was Adm. to the Estate of John Dennis by July 20, 1654 and was appointed guardian of the orphans of John Dennis April 13, 1657. His will and inventory filed October 21, 1658 does not mention Mary as widow.

John Dennis Jr	Richard Dennis,	Pascoe Dennis	Walter Dennis
d. July 31, 1652/3.	Cattle mark	Cattle Mark	helped value
inv. Sept. 4, 1652/3	June 10, 1753	June 10, 1653.	the estate of
John Dennis Sr. Adm.	Next of kin:		John Hull
Distribution Jan. 20,	John Nipper		Jan. 11, 1668/9.
1652/3.	June 18, 1718.		On the jury
m. Barbery			Jan. 21, 1668/9.

John Dennis 3rd.	Mary Dennis
Witnessed the deed;	Received from Barbery
Davis to Coppidge	Dennis, four cows
Oct. 1, 1670. Referred	Dec. 26, 1654
to by David Spiller as	
being his youngest son,	
Oct. 21, 1658. No re-	
cord of adoption.	





At this time, the population of the Eastern Shore of Virginia probably did not exceed one thousand white settlers. (See: Wise: History of the Eastern Shore of Virginia). They were all of British origin except probably fifteen or twenty mariners, merchants, and traders. Thomas Blake (OS p. 441, VES p. 985) and even Roger O'Cain (MCW p. 35, Vol. II) may have been such.

Even though the interrelationship of the John Dennises and the parenthood of Donnock Dennis is not clear, two entries in the records of Hungars Parish Church (only for the years 1661-1662 have come down to us intact) are of interest. They were copied in RB N Vol. 1657-1666, p. 68. They have been copied, recopied, and published many times. Jour. Am. Hist. Vol. 24, p. 212-214, and William & Mary Quarterly Vo. 22, p. 42.

"William Mathews, son of Morice Mathews and Ellice Nebulain was born or baptised June 9, 1661."

"Donnock Dennis and Ellise Nebulain were married July 31, 1661."

There were plenty of Mathews (or Matthews) in Virginia at this time and to catalogue them would be a task indeed. See: post. Ellice was a widow and widowhood was of short duration in those days.

The family name interpreted "Nebulain" nearly a century ago has not appeared elsewhere. The engrossing is indistinct, difficult to read, and admittedly difficult to interpret. In 1902, John S. McMaster, a thorough investigator, wrote in "A Short Sketch of John Slemons' Stevenson." "He (Donnock Dennis) married Ellise Littleton and they had seven children." How he reached this conclusion is not clear.

A casual glance at the descendants of Donnock and Ellice Dennis shows Littleton as a given name appearing in most of the male and female lines, Ellice in some, and an occasional Southy: i.e., Littleton Long, Corbin, Bevans, Marshall etc. Some continue to use the name. If, as appears probable, this was a family name, by the simple method of elimination, there is one person known, ancestor to all, who could have been a Littleton, and that is Donnock's wife, Ellice. The passenger lists show no such name and she must have been born in America. The only Littleton family in America at that time was that of Colonel Nathaniel Littleton who had, in addition to his home near Arlington, a plantation at Nandua near Nassawadox Creek and not far from Hungars Church.

Nathaniel Littleton died intestate, just when we do not know, and the management of his property was assumed by his widow, the former Ann Southy, daughter and heir of Henry Southy and widow of Charles Harmer (VES p. 77-8). She had one daughter, Elizabeth by her first husband, described as "sole heir of Charles Harmer (NM p. 155). She may have died without issue. A brother of Charles Harmer was Dr. John Harmer "the Greeke reader of the University of Oxford" had sons, Thomas and John.

In her will (N VII, p. 22) in 1656, Ann Littleton bequeathed to her daughter, Hester, who married a Robins, to her sons Edward, Nathaniel, and Southy, and finally directed that her "two youngest children be placed in the care of my kinsman, Mrs. Thomas Harmer for their education." The relationship was that Mrs. Thomas Harmer was the wife of her first husband's nephew. No other entry concerning these two "youngest children" has been found. As they inherited no land, their names do not appear in the land records as children of Nathaniel Littleton.





Mr. Millard Hudson, was a careful genealogist, and a descendant of Donnock and Ellice Dennis through their daughter, Ellice. He was the first to sum up the information set forth in the preceding paragraphs and to draw from the circumstantial evidence that Ellice could have been no one other than one of the "youngest children" of Ann Littleton mentioned in her will. In genealogy, probabilities, hypotheses, and traditions are sometimes misleading and we do need another entry to establish this connection positively. However, the most erudite current opinion is that Ellice was a Littleton. Points in the following paragraphs tend to support that opinion.

The first wife of John Dennis of Donnock (1676-1741) has been considered to have been Sarah, daughter of Colonel Southy Littleton, for years. The statement has been published many times without annotation or a reference note to show the authority. The earliest in the writer's notes is in the New England magazine of History and Genealogy, Vol. XLI, p. 367, Oct. 1887. McMaster (see ante) states: "JOHN DENNIS 2d. (1676-1741) was one of the Judges of the Provincial Court of Maryland. He married, 1st. his cousin, Sarah Littleton (died 1732), who was a daughter of Southy Littleton (1645-1679), who was a brother of the wife of Donach 1st's wife, Ellise, and husband of Sarah Bowman, dau. of Major Edmund Bowman. (Col. Southy Littleton and Ellise (Littleton) Dennis, wife of Donack Dennis, were the children of Col. Nathaniel Littleton, son of Sir Edward, son of John, son of Sir Thomas, son of the great jurist, Sir Thomas Lyttleton of the King's Bench, and whose ancestry can be traced to very ancient times)."

The land records of Virginia do not show this relationship. Colonel Southy Littleton died in 1679. His will is on record in A. and N. RB XIV p. 42. Pertinent excerpts appear in VES p. 677-8. His daughter, Sarah, married first, Adam Michael (VES p. 149) eldest son of John Michael, who died in 1689, and second, John Custis III who died Jan. 26, 1713/14. Sarah died April 18, 1720, childless, "in the fifty fifth year of her age." She was buried at Arlington by the side of her second husband and the slab covering their graves records this relationship. See VES p. 322. This slab has been photographed and widely distributed and is of special interest because John Custis III was an ancestor of Martha Washington's first husband.

Sarah was born in 1665. John Dennis was born in 1676 (J). By 1689 Sarah was a widow and John was 13 years old. She married promptly but not John Dennis. In fact, the descendants of Colonel Nathaniel Littleton have been pretty well catalogued and there have been no male Littleton descendants in this line since the death of his great grandson, Southy Littleton IV in 1712. There is no descendant of Colonel Southy Littleton that married a Dennis. Neill: Virginia Carolorum p. 138. Southy Littleton II had one daughter, Sarah. Southy III died unmarried. Southy IV died without issue in 1712 and bequeathed to his sisters, one of which was Sarah Custis Littleton, unmarried at his death but who later married a King and died without issue. The Colonel's entire estate finally passed to Leah Littleton who married Levin Gale and who lived at the Upper Ferry on the Wicomico river and whose grandson disposed of most of it to Peter Hack in 1759. It is now Hack's Neck.

If Sarah was a Littleton, and she probably was, she may have been the sister, sister-in-law, or daughter of John Littleton, the progenitor of the present Littletons of the Eastern Shore and who was acquiring land near Guilford as early as 1700. Indeed, he may have been one of the "two youngest children" mentioned by Ann in her will. Whether or not he was descended from or in any way related to Colonel Nathaniel Littleton is not clear at this time. The writer has not uncovered an original entry that would throw any light on what Sarah's family name was. For John Littleton, see VES p. 1104 and for Mark whose son was Southy p. 1187.





Quoting from Judge Dennis' Notes;

"Donnack Dennis the first settler of the name in this colony, arrived in 1664, and settled in what is now Somerset County, Maryland... He resided at Nassawadox, on Dividing Creek, near the site of the old Court House. He received several patents for lands on both sides of the Pocomoke River (including a portion of the present Beverly tract) but principally upon the west side thereof. In these patents, and other old records, he is described as 'gent.' In 1685, he was appointed by Gov. Copley, High-Sheriff of the County, an office at that time of high rank and dignity . . . His cattle-mark, which in those days was required by law to be recorded, was 'Cropt in ye left year, and a hole in ye same year, a fleur de luce in ye right. Recorded June 20; 1669.' . . . He was b. in 1645 and d. 1716 . . .

"His residence at Nassawadox was upon a tract, or two tracts, known as 'Dennis' Second Purchase.' His patent for that part of the present Beverly tract upon which the present mansion-house is situated, embraced two hundred and fifty acres, commencing for its southern boundary about the 'little island.'" This became part of the plantation, Littleton (1728-1774) planned and started the construction of Beverly. Continuing:

"Donnoch acquired large tracts of land by purchase and original patents; among others, by patents in 1669, two hundred and fifty acres on the south side of the Pocomoke River; which is part of the 'Beverly tract and upon which the present mansion house is built,' . . . Curiously enough, Donnock Dennis' will is not found in the Somerset County Records, but appears on the Records both in Annapolis and Worcester County.

"Some years after his settlement in the County he was admitted to the bar; but it does not appear from the records that he ever actively engaged in the practice of his profession.

"He died in 1716 while attending official business in Annapolis."

In those days, as now, some property and a measure of education were necessary for a young man to purchase land (J), be admitted to the bar (J), become High Sheriff (J), constable, (07 front, p. 1. Nov. 13, 1683) and take an active interest in his Church (of England). (OS p. 131). From whom they were endowed, we can only conjecture: the couple were too young to have been indentured, it required time to work out an indenture.

In 1649 the Province of Maryland passed an act of toleration granting citizenship, religious freedom, and land to settlers from other colonies. The purpose of this act was to populate the province at the expense of its neighbors. It was successful and created what might be called the first land boom in America.

This young couple moved to their new house "Nassawadox" on Dividing Creek in the forward echelon of this movement to Somerset county; Judge Dennis says in 1664; Torrence says (OS p. 131) between 1663 and 1666 and on p. 280, before August 1666. See: Liber, 11, p. 514, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Land records; about 1668. In 1669, his first land grant was based upon headrights for himself, Elice, William (Mathews) b. June 9, 1661, Elizabeth, b. Nov. 16, 1665, and Margaret, b. Feb. 8, 1667. This is five persons, at fifty acres each, total two hundred and fifty acres. See: ante. Donnock Jr. was born Feb. 16, 1689. So he must have moved his family to Nassawadox between Feb. 8, 1667 and Feb. 16, 1669. As he had acquired "Dennis' First and Second Purchase" prior to these dates, he must have been in Maryland and prepared Nassawadox for the family shelter. At least two generations of Dennises were born there.





Donnock Dennis' will was made Feb. 14, 1716/17 and offered for probate. Probate was objected to by the widow, Elizabeth, who 'did revoke the will and fly to her thirds' March 23, 1716/17. MCW IV, p. 82. The original will was on file in Worcester Co. It was ordered recorded in Worcester county by Act of Assembly in 1808. No inventory, appraisal, or distribution has been found. In the will, he left to his wife and son, Donnock Dennis, Jr. the home place and 300 acres of 'Dennis' Purchase;' to his grandson, William, son of Donnock Jr., 100 acres of 'Dennis' Purchase;' to his grandson, Theophilus, son of Donnock Jr., one cow and calf; to his grandson, Donnock, son of John Dennis, 100 acres of land lying on Littleton's creek, on the south side of the Pocomoke river; to his daughter, Eleanor, one shilling; to his son, Henry Hudson, one shilling, and the remainder to be equally divided between his sons, John and Donnock, John to be executor. Why he failed to include Elizabeth is not clear. Likely she had died.. As Ann Lyd was the only known child by this union, she might have been an orphan. There must have been more children who may have died before he for we find a number of Dennises as given names.

Children known to have been living at the time of his death are on Plate 2. Dates of births are from OS p. 441. The date of the death of Elice Littleton Dennis is not known; sometime between the death of Rover O'Cain, 1687/8, and that of Peter Bodkin, 1696, for the widow in 1716/7 was Elizabeth who appears to have been Elizabeth Bodkin who survived him without children of record. The date of the death of "Eliza:" July 18, 1687 was originally interpreted to have been his daughter, Ellice, later, his wife, Ellice. Now that we know that it was neither of these, it might have been his daughter Elizabeth (b. Nov. 16, 1665) who married George Lyd, Esq. of Somerset Co. and who left one child, Ann Lyd, who married her cousin Dennis Taylor.

### NASSAWATOX

Donnock Dennis built his house "NASSAWATOX" on land called "Dennis' Purchase" and "Dennis' Second Purchase." The dwelling is said to have been located on the western side of Dividing creek in what is now Somerset county, near the site of the old Somerset county Court House. His land extended to the Pocomoke river. See: post "C." He added to this property during his rather long life designating all of this property as 'Dennis' Purchase.' OS p. 200 indicates that it extended about two miles east of Dividing creek, also that by 1751 a part of "Dennis' Purchase" had been repatented as "Smith's Folly" and belonged to John Scott adjoinint property of Angelo Atkinson.

In 1669, he was granted a patent to "Peterboro" 250 acres for the transportation of five persons into the colony; he, his wife, his daughters Elizabeth and Margaret, and his stepson, William Mathews. LO Liber 11, p. 514. It is on the south side of the Pocomoke river. After adding to this property to the south, in Accomack Co., Va., Littleton Dennis (1728-1774) started the construction of "Beverly" which was finished about 1778 by his widow, Susanna (Upshur) Dennis. "Essex Beverly" was near.

Donnock Dennis was deliberate in making this move. It appears that nearly four years elapsed between the time he made his first purchase in Maryland until he moved his family. He must have jourined back and forth during this period. Transportation could have been by boat or on foot. There is no record of his owning a boat; the Dennises were not mariners but a small boat was a necessity for families living along a stream. It is apparent that when he moved, he had no intention of returning. Likely he built his future residence before moving; he named it Nassawaddox" the name of a creek in Virginia.





In some subsequent patents, the description states that the land is "in Nassawadox" indicating that the neighborhood assumed that name.

In building his house, he must have cleared some land. It is difficult to imagine that, in 1668, "Nassawadox" was other than a one or two room log house with dirt floors; cooking was probably done out of doors; cooking utensils were few and primitive; furniture was hand made and consisted of bare essentials only. Yet it served as a residence until the death of his grandson, John (1704-1766); Littleton (1728-1774) was raised there. During the century that it was used as a residence, a much more suitable dwelling must have been built but we have no record of it.

The site, near the old Courthouse of Somerset county, was near the crossing of the main east-west highway through the first Somerset county settlements, and the principally used north-south highway on the peninsula crossing the Pocomoke river at Stevens' Ferry. The former is now a hard surfaced improved highway; the Market street bridge at Pocomoke City made Stevens' Ferry obsolete after 250 years of service.

An inspection of the site in 1924 did not show the slightest indication of either of these buildings. The land is now in cultivation and local inhabitants who knew their history could not recall a single tradition of a well, animal or human bones, metal working tools, bricks, piling, or any other indication of human habitation. Worcester county was organized in 1742 and thereafter the Somerset County Court was held elsewhere. Dividing creek separated the counties and most of the Dennis property was in Worcester. That left "Nassawadox" in Somerset. After Donnock died, it is likely that his widow lived there, died there. There is no indication that any of his children lived there after maturity. His grandson, John (1704-1766) lived and died there; his widow survived him a couple of years and may have lived there but none of her children did. Whether "Nassawadox" burned down, blew down, or rotted down is not known.

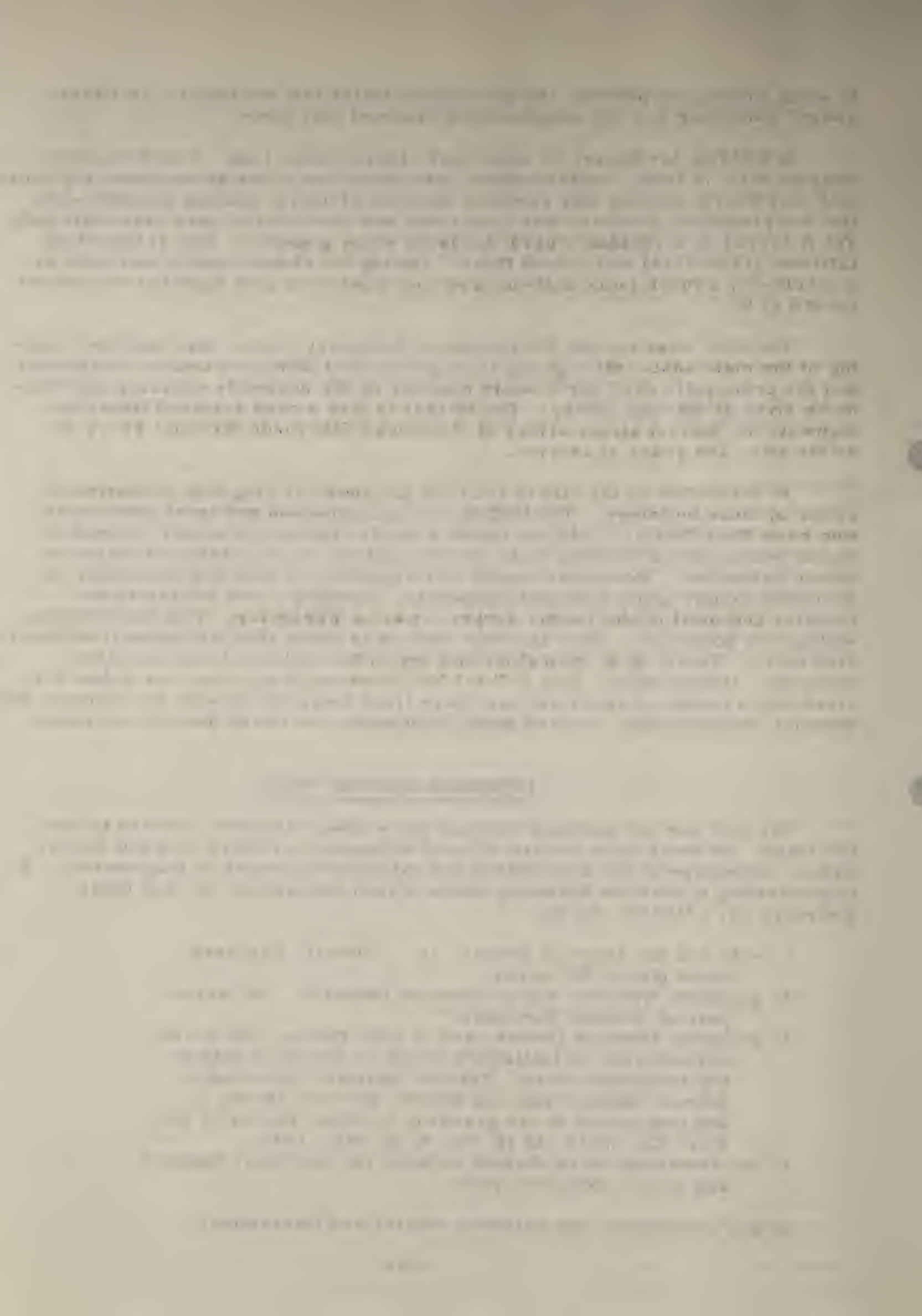
#### DONNOCK DENNIS' WILL

His will was not probated because the widow, Elizabeth, elected to take her third. As there is no record of the distribution nor entry of a will for his widow, knowledge of the distribution and extent of the estate is fragmentary. It is interesting to note the following items of land bequests in his will made February 14, 1716/17: To his

1. wife and son Donnock Dennis, Jr., "Dennis' Purchase," home place, 300 acres.
2. grandson William, son of Donnock Dennis Jr. 100 acres, part of "dennis' Purchase."
3. grandson Donnock Dennis, son of John Dennis, 100 acres of land lying on Littleton's creek on the south side of the Pocomoke river. This is "Milford" inherited by Johnson Dennis from his father, Donnock Dennis Jr., and bequeathed to his grandson Littleton Dennis of John. Wor. Co. Wills, M. H. No. 4, p. 281. 1811.
4. the remainder to be divided between my two sons, Donnock and John. Executor: John.

In this connection, the following entries are interesting:





- A. The last entry for Donnock Dennis, Jr. in the Worcester County records is DB B p. 538, a bill of sale to Joshua Mitchell, March 1747. He must have died soon after.
- B. Donnock and Sarah Dennis sold "Second Choice" to John Tyler, 1743, DB A p. 167. This was a part of "Second Choice" only.
- C. DB D p. 23. Johnson and Nancy Dennis to Thomas Robins March 4, 1756. "Second Choice" left me by my father, Donnock Dennis (Jr.) and patented (by him) November 9, 1747, situated on the west side of the Pocumoke river on the southeast side of Dennis' branch. It appears that this land was repatented to Johnson Dennis after the death of his father.
- D. Will of Thomas Robins, J. W. No. 3, folio No. 125. dated December 31, 1765. He bequeathed 'to my daughter, Esther Robins, the plantation where Donnock Dennis (Jr.) lived and left to his son Johnson Dennis lying in the forest on Aydolett's branch near Cypress branch.

As Aydolett's branch flows from Pittsville to the Pocumoke river south of Willards, Donnock, Jr. must have resided there when he died. "Milford" which came into the possession of Johnson Dennis, is in this immediate vicinity also. By this date, 1765, Johnson Dennis had already purchased a part of "Bassett's Choice" November 4, 1763. DB F p. 41.

- E. DB A p. 483. March 4, 1747. William Dennis. "son of Donnock Dennis, Sr." sold to Joseph Allen' that part of "Dennis' Purchase" left to me by my grandfather Donnock Dennis in his will.

There are two points here:

- 1. William Dennis is identified as the one mentioned in Item 2 of Donnock Dennis' will (See: preceding page). Judge Dennis carried William as the son of John instead of Donnock Jr.
- 2. As the original Donnock was dead, his son, Donnock Jr. is referred to as "Sr." in contradistinction to another Donnock, living or recently deceased. Likely this was Donnock of John (See: Item 3, preceding page). It is believed that he died unmarried at about this date.

- F. He was a beneficiary under the estate of Peter Bodkin (1696). This inheritance may have been due to his (2nd) marriage to Bodkin's daughter or sister. If she bore him any children, I have no record of it. He was about fifty years old and lived another twenty years. He certainly could have fathered some children. Indeed she may have mothered or grandmothered some of the Dennises mentioned in the land records of Worcester County and listed as soldiers in the Revolutionary War. See: Post. She survived him and may have lived at Nassawadox. Judge Dennis said that her stepson, John, lived at Nassawadox. Whether or not she remarried, is not known and would be of academic interest only. No distribution of her estate has been found and the date of her death is unknown.

On the following pages are some of the descendants of Donnock Dennis, thoroughly documented. The female lines involve so many families that a complete list of his descendants would be long indeed. There are some Dennis families that lived on the Eastern Shore during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries whose connection with Donnock Dennis has not been established.





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# COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

1. The Committee on the Status of Women was organized in 1944 to study the position of women in the United States and to make recommendations for their improvement. It was composed of representatives from various organizations and individuals interested in the welfare of women.

2. The Committee held several public hearings and received many suggestions from women and organizations. It also conducted extensive research into the various problems facing women, such as employment, education, and social security. The Committee's findings were summarized in a report published in 1945.

3. The Committee's report recommended that the Federal Government take action to improve the status of women. It suggested the creation of a Department of Women's Affairs, the establishment of a Women's Bureau, and the passage of legislation to protect women's rights in the workplace.

4. The Committee's work was instrumental in bringing the issues of women's rights to the attention of the public and the Government. Its recommendations were largely adopted by the Federal Government, and its efforts have led to significant improvements in the status of women in the United States.

5. The Committee's report was a landmark document in the history of women's rights in the United States. It provided a comprehensive overview of the problems facing women and offered practical solutions for their improvement. The Committee's work continues to be studied and admired for its foresight and dedication.

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Known Grandchildren of Donnock and Elice Dennis  
and some of their progeny.

It was the original intention to make an effort to bring information of these children, grandchildren and their progeny to about 1800, or to mark them believed to have died without issue. Some lines have been brought into the twentieth century because the data are at hand. Three mile posts are available for checks, the Muster Rolls of the Maryland Colonial Militia, 1748, the Muster Rolls of the Worcester Co. Militia, Revolutionary War, and the Census of 1790. These are for males, only, but available concurrent data for female lines have been included.

Those checked (#) have been accounted for in the pages following:

Maryland Colonial Militia, 1748, Md. Hist. Mag., Vol. 6, p. 194-5.

Captain Joshua Sturgis' Company.

#Lazarus Dennis, Ensign, #Daniel Dennis, Sergeant,  
#Valentine Dennis, Sergeant, Samuel Tayler, Sergeant,  
#William Tayler, Sergeant, #Rollong Bevens, Tobe Tayler, James  
Tayler. Thos. Bevens, Travour Tayler, Wm. Bevens,  
Cornelius Bevens, Leftenant.

Captain John Evans' Company.

Henry Hudson, Solomon Hudson, David Long, John Hudson,  
Annanias Hudson.

Captain John Williams Sr. Company.

#David Long, #Abraham Outten, John Long, James Gunby,  
Kirk Gunby, #Jeffery Long.

Muster Rolls of the American Revolution. Md. Archives, Vol. 18.

Wicomico Battalion, July 15, 1780.

Captain Horsey's Company.

#Atkins Dennis, #Alexander Porter.

Captain Perdue's Company.

John Dennis, Joseph Dennis, James Dennis, Wm. Lewis,  
Littleton Beachaump.

Captain Davis' Company.

#William Dennis, #Henry Dennis, #Mathias Dennis, #John Dennis,  
Joshua Dennis, #James Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Arthur Lewis.

Captain Dennis' Company.

#Benjamin Dennis, Captain.

Sinnepuxent Battalion, July 25, 1780.

Captain Dale's Company.

#John Dennis Jr.





# SNOW HILL BATTALION - JULY 15, 1780

Captain Stewart's Company.

#John Dennis, #Valentine Dennis, # James Porter.

p. 22. Enlisted in the Third Independent Co. March 9, 1776.

Captain John Watkins.

Dunnick Dennis. This name appears also on p. 102.  
Discharged, December 12, 1779.  
A soldier in the 2nd Regiment,  
Maryland Line.

p. 60 John Dennis, enlisted by Lt. Joshua Miles Co. July 27, 1776.

p. 120 John Dennis, pvt., died Feb. 1778. Smallwoods Regt.  
Maryland Line.

p. 121 William Dennis, fifer, deserted, October 27, 1780.  
Smallwoods Regt. Maryland Line.

## CENSUS of 1790

### Worcester County

Head of Family	Males over 16	Males under 16	Females	Others	Slaves
#Johnson Dennis	3	1	4		
#John Dennis	1	2	2		
#Annanias Dennis	1	1	1		
#John Dennis	1	3	1	0	12
#Benj. (of Atkins) Dennis	1	0	2		
#Atkins Dennis	2	0	4		
#Benj. Dennis, Captain	3	1	5	0	7
#George Dennis	1	2	3		





From Mrs. W. H. Tilghman  
Copied from notes of  
J. Thomas Scharf.

Worcester County, Md.  
Lands on which quit rents were levied - Dennis

- # Benjamin Dennis, 1769-74 Lewis' Last Chance  
Partnership  
1769 William's Lot
- # Atkins Dennis 1756-59 Long Ridge
- # Affridozzi Dennis 1745-74 Dennis' Choice
- # Daniel Dennis 1756-71 Fladbury
- # John Dennis' Heirs 1756-71 Cambrook  
Dennis' Security  
Security
- Capt. John Dennis 1756 Loney Point
- # Col. John Dennis' Heirs 1745-56-57-74. Assurance  
Beacham's Desire  
Bradshaw's Purchase  
Buck Ridge  
Coram  
Lot in Snow Hill  
Double Purchase  
Privilege  
Lone Lot  
Security  
Showel's Addition  
Leslier Grove
- # Johnson Dennis 1745-74 Bassett's Choice
- # Lazarus Dennis 1760 Security
- # Littleton Dennis 1745-71 Partnership  
Security  
and others
- # Solomon Dennis 1745-71 Fladbury
- # Valentine Dennis 1749 Security
- # William Dennis of Donnock 1756-71 Long Ridge



DENNISES and their Lands - 1783

#Valentine Dennis, Security, 125 acres.

#Captain Benjamin Dennis, Partnership, 310 Acres.

Ball Cypress, 25 "

Choice 52 "

Golden Mine 71 "

#John Dennis of Johnson, No Land.

#Johnson Dennis, Bassett's Choice, 84 Acres

#William Dennis, of Johnson, No land.

#Henry Dennis, 2/3 of land in Indiantown, 625 Acres

William Dennis Sr., Hardship, 75 Acres.

#Josiah Dennis, Collins' Delight, 150 Acres

Joshua Dennis, pauper.

#Henry Dennis, Johnson Dennis Security

#James Dennis " " "

#Matthias Dennis " " "

Oaths of Fidelity - 1778 (Maryland Historical Soc.)

# Valentine Dennis

# Johnson Dennis

# Henry Dennis of Johnson

# James Dennis of Johnson

#John Dennis of Johnson

# George Dennis of Johnson

Joshua Dennis

# John Dennis of Valentine

# Solomon Dennis

Zodak Dennis





## ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations for the references in the following pages.

N	Northampton County Records
A	Accomack County Records
S	Somerset County Records
W	Worcester County Records
PB	Patent Book
NM	Cavaliers and Pioneers: N. M. Nugent
RB	Record Book
J	Judge J. Upshur Dennis' Records
VES	Virginia's Eastern Shore: Ralph Whitelaw
CP	Coventry Parish Records
H	Hutton, Original Lists of Persons of Quality who went from Great Britain to the American Plantations
OS	Old Somerset: Clayton Torrence
LO	Maryland Land Office
MCW	Maryland Calendar of Wills
Wic.	Sicomico County Records

\* Descendants of those followed by an asterisk are unknown.

\*\* A double asterisk indicates that no issue is thought to have survived.

\*\*\* A triple asterisk indicates those whose descendants have not been followed further.

I. Roman numerals indicate great grandchildren of Donnock Dennis.  
4th generation.

1. Arabic numerals indicate the 5th generation.

(1) " " " " 6th generation.

a. Letters indicate the 7th generation.

(a) " " " 8th generation.

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a\*\* " " " 10th generation.

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MARGARET DENNIS

- b. Feb. 3, 1667. OS p. 441.
- d. 1734. Inv. IKL 20, p. 388, March 9, 1734/5.  
Liber 07, p. 23, Donnock Dennis, Jr. Ex. Nearest of kin, Daniel Long and Philip Adams.
- m. Hope Taylor, Feb. 5, 1683/4 (O.S. p. 402)
- b. 1665
- d. 1696

CHILDREN:

1. Elizabeth Taylor, b. Dec. 11, 1684; d. by 1722.  
m. Daniel Long of Samuel, b. Nov. 18, 1677; d. by 1741, who m. 2nd, in 1722, Sarah Adams of Thomas who was b. about 1702 and was d. by Feb. 8, 1757.  
The children of Daniel Long follow. The mother of the 1st and perhaps the second was Elizabeth. It is thought that Sarah was the mother of the remainder.

- I. David Long, b. about 1703; d. Dec. 15, 1756. CP  
m. Abigail Lister who m. 2nd a Layfield and survived him, it appears, without issue. The dates of birth of some of her children are in CP. Her will, Magruder: Vol. IV, p. 85. 39 f 568 was made Oct. 20, 1773, pro. Dec. 21, 1773, names her children: no daughters inherited from this will.
  1. Littleton Long, b. Apr. 7, 1738\*\*\*
  2. Levi Long, b. Feb. 2, 1742\*\*\*
  3. Jesse Long, b. Oct. 18, 1745\*\*\*
  4. Josiah Long, b. Oct. 7, 1747; d. by June 9, 1775\*\*\*
  5. Levin Long, b. June 10, 1752. He became guardian for Littleton Dennis, orphan of Jesse Dennis, at the April term of Court, Worcester Co. 1783, after the death of Shalmanezzer Dennis. Littleton Dennis, b. 1764, son of Jesse Dennis, d. 1764 and wife Hannah, who was remarried to a McNeal and died before 1783. See, his will and admin.\*\*\*
  6. David Long\*\*\*  
June 9, 1775, Catey Long was widow of Josiah Long, and succeeded him in the administration. So Josiah Long d. between Dec. 21, 1773 and June 9, 1775.
- II. Rachel Long m. Dennis Adams (1710-1777), son of William Adams and Margaret Taylor. See, post No. 5. II.
- III. Daniel Long, m. Sarah Conner. At least one son.
  1. Solomon Long, b.

The following item may belong here:

Solomon Long m. Margaret King

Children:

(1) Levin Long

Children:

a. Littleton Long, b. 1777 m. Anne Mitchell Costen who d. 1880.



IV. Elizabeth Long, m. Thomas Hall\*\*\*

V. Margaret Long probably m. Robert Taylor. See, post No. 6.

VI. Sarah Long, m. Jeffery Long. She was b. about 1728, m. about 1743.

He served in the Md. Col. Militia and d. May 19, 1762. She survived him and it has been stated that she m. 2nd William Fleming and had issue; the authority is unknown. Children:

1. Say Long, b. Dec. 22, 1747. If this is Sewell, he d. May 19, 1762.
2. Rachel Long, b. July 29, 1750 m. John Purkins Nov. 27, 1772. Children:
  - (1) Wm. Purkins, b. Dec. 2, 1774\*\*\*
  - (2) Elizabeth Purkins, b. Oct. 6, 1776\*\*\*
  - (3) Easter Purkins, b. Sept. 15, 1778\*\*\*
3. Permenes Long, son, b. July 13, 1753\*\*\*
4. Sarah Long, b. March 3, 1756\*\*\*
5. Asaneth Long, dau., b. April 31, 1757\*\*\*
6. Easter Long, b. Mar. 16, 1662; d. May 19, 1662
7. Perhaps Mary Long who m. Benjamin Scott, Nov. 28, 1765. Children:

- (1) John Scott, b. Nov. 17, 1766\*\*\*

VII. Christina Long, m. John Howard, d. by 1765\*\*\*

VIII. Solomon Long\*\*\*

IX. Elisha Long, b. Nov. 14, 1735\*\*\*

X. John Long, m. Ann

Children:

1. William Long, d. 1768. m. Naomi Griffin\*\*\*
2. David Long, d. 1782. m. Abigail Griffith\*\*\*

2. Ellice Taylor, b. Mar. 15, 1686; d. after 1773, m. Philip Adams of Philip and Anne Crewe, b. Apr. 21, 1679; d. 1772. Will.

Children:

- I. Rachel Adams, b. ca 1707; d. June 14, 1742 (Md. Hist. Soc.) m. Thomas Adams of David Adams and Mary Rugg, Dec. 22, 1735. He was b. by 1714; d. 1782 (Miss Adams). He m. 2nd Adrea Gunby by Oct. 24, 1744 dau. of John Gunby who d. in 1744. See his will Oct. 24, 1744.

Children:

1. Philip Adams, b. Oct. 18, 1737; d. 1818. (CP)  
m. Rachel Potter, June 5, 1759. (CP)

Children:

- (1) Ruth Adams, b. Jan. 5, 1760; d. 1829. Un.
- (2) Thomas Adams, b. Nov. 8, 1761; d. 1832 m. Mary Rounds. It is believed that all of their descendants can be accounted for. There are several pages of them. (W) JW4, p. 200.
- (3) James Adams probably d. before 1812. m.

Children:

- a. John Adams m. May 11, 1820 Elizabeth Anne Dryden dau. of Milby and Patrick Dryden. Census of 1850 enumerates their children and it is believed that all of their descendants can be accounted for.

- (4) Henry Adams d. 1816. Est. Adm. by Samuel





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Adams EB 31 p. 146. m. Sara Underwood Blake, May 3, 1804, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Grumble Blake who were m. Oct. 7, 1775. Sara d. between Mar. 7 and Sept. 12, 1840; she was b. July 19, 1776. It is believed that all of their descendants can be accounted for.

- (5) Stephen Adams d. 1829. m. Eleanor Nearn Dryden, b. ca 1790; d. 1856, dau. of Littleton Dryden and Miss McNeider who were m. in 1808. It is believed that all their descendants can be accounted for.
- (6) Minty Adams m. William Beauchamp in 1798.
- (7) Mary Adams m. David Potter in 1797.
- 2. Tabitha Adams, b. Jan. 20, 1741. (CP) Mentioned in her father's will.
- 3. Rachel Adams was the 1st wife of Henry Potter.
- 4. Mary Adams, b. Jan. 8, 1738 (CP) m. John Long, Nov. 8, 1768.  
Children:
  - (1) Colburn Long, b. Sept. 28, 1769\*\*\* (CP)
  - (2) Elizabeth Long, b. Mar. 7, 1771\*\*\* (CP)
- 5. Thomas Adams, Jr. \*\*\*
- 6. David Adams d. young.
- 7. David Adams, b. Jan. 27, 1746/7; d. 1778. m. Margaret Tilghman, Feb. 20, 1766. She was living in 1805.  
Children:
  - (1) Thomas Adams, b. 1769; d. 1803. m. Zipporah Long\*\*\*
  - (2) David Adams, b. May 5, 1770; d. 1803\*\*\*
  - (3) William Howe Adams had one son, Thomas Potter Adams\*\*\*

II. Hope Adams, b. ca 1708; d. 1763. m. Sarah ? about 1730 who d. after 1768.

Children:

- 1. Edelliah Adams, b. ca 1733, m. James Dakes, Apr. 14, 1748. CP

Children: Adm. Feb. 12, 1796. F.F. 338

- (1) Jesse Dakes, b. Jan. 20, 1748/9\*\*\*
- (2) Sarah Dakes, b. Nov. 10, 1750\*\*\*
- (3) Sophia Dakes, b. Feb. 13, 1753\*\*\*
- (4) Mary Dakes, b. Mar. 7, 1756\*\*\*
- (5) Elizabeth Dakes, b. Oct. 8, 1760\*\*\*
- (6) Sabra Dakes, b. 1760\*\*\* Nov. 22
- (7) Daniel Dakes, b. 1763\*\*\*
- (8) James Dakes, b. Oct. 2, 1765\*\*\*
- (9) Esther Dakes, b. Aug. 14, 1768\*\*\*
- (10) Stephen Dakes, b. Feb. 6, 1772\*\*\*
- 2. Jesse Adams, b. Nov. 22, 1736; d. 1774. m. Sarah Howard Sept. 2, 1756.  
Children:
  - (1) Mary Adams, Sept. 20, 1757. Probably she m. William Broughton by 1791\*\*\*
  - (2) Betty Adams, b. Feb. 19, 1769. Probably m. William Hudson\*\*\*





- (3) Martha Adams, b. May 26, 1751\*\*\*
- (4) Hope Adams, b. Sept. 26, 1763; d. 1792. m. Probably Martha Broughton by 1791\*\*\*
- (5) John Howard Adams, b. Apr. 12, 1765; d. 1804 m. Leah Watkins who m. 2nd Stephen Disharoon and d. 1843\*\*\*
- (6) Jane or Jean Adams, b. July 8, 1768\*\*\*
- 3. Philip Adams, b. May 12, 1738; d. 1792. m. Anne (apparently Moore) who was d. by 1789.  
Children:
  - (1) Anne Adams \*\*\*
  - (2) Sarah Adams \*\*\*
  - (3) Elizabeth Adams \*\*\*
  - (4) Peggy Adams \*\*\*
  - (5) Mary Adams d. before her father \*\*
  - (6) Jesse Adams who was under 21 in 1789 and probably m. Esther Marshall, 1812 \*\*\*
- 4. William Adams, b. ca 1740. Perhaps he m. a dau. of William Moore \*\*\*
- 5. David Adams, b. ca 1742 m. Leah ? who d. after 1772. He was living in Worcester Co. in 1784.
  - (1) Philip Adams \*\*\*
  - (2) Hope Adams \*\*\*
- 6. Samuel Adams, b. ca 1744 m. Sarah Selby, May 11, 1757.
- 7. Hope Adams, Jr. m. Anne Maddux, Nov. 26, 1772 and d. 1792.  
Children: (CP)
  - (1) Samuel Adams, b. June 3, 1776; d. 1789 \*\*
  - (2) Lazarus Adams, b. Aug. 19, 1777 m. Nancy Schoolfield, Aug. 19, 1807 \*\*\*
  - (3) Jesse Adams, b. Dec. 23, 1779. Perhaps he m. Maria Aires, 1811. See: Jesse Adams of Philip, 6. ante, his cousin. Perhaps this Jesse m. Esther Marshall \*\*\*
  - (4) Nelly Maddux Adams, b. Nov. 9, 1781 apparently m. John Hall \*\*\*
  - (5) Levin Adams, b. Oct. 9, 1783 was a minor in 1792. He went to Kentucky.
  - (6) Sarah Adams, b. Sept. 26, 1785 \*\*\*
  - (7) Probably Hope Adams, not mentioned in his will witnessed by Jacob Adams Sr., Thomas Moore, and William Moore (1768).
- 8. Nathan Adams, m. Betty or Sally and d. in Scott Co. Ky. in 1802 or 1804.
  - (1) William Adams. d. 1806. Lt. and Capt. in the Maryland Line, Continental Army \*\*\*
  - (2) Nathan Adams, Jr. m. Sarah. See: Del. Arch. Vol. I, pp. 34, 36, 37, 38, 52-3, 1005, 1237 and 1241. Council appointed him a Capt. Jan. 12, 1776. He is on a list of officers appointed by the Committee of Safety Jan. 19, 1776 and, with his company, assigned as Captain of the 6th Co. Col. John Haslett's Reg't. He was sick Oct. 4, 1776. He had his company at Brunswick



Dec. 20, 1776 and the muster roll is on pp. 52-3. p. 1005. He witnessed a parole June 4, 1781.

The Adams land "Turkey Trap" where Abraham Adams lived at that time was on the north bank of the Nanticoke river opposite the present village of Concord, Nanticoke Hundred. In the assessment of 1785, we find George, Jacob and Abraham Adams in Nanticoke Hundred; Nathan Adams in Broad Creek Hundred, just to the South and Jacob, John and Sarah just to the North in Mispillion Hundred in Kent County. Also Solomon Dill and George Datey (it may be Dazey) in Mispillion Hd. Also John Adams in Lewes and Rehobeth Hd. By 1796, the first four of these had disappeared, but in 1816 we find Dr. Robert Dill, near Milford and Dr. John Adams, the latter owning 332 acres.

Some of this data came from Miss Katharine K. Adams and was obtained by her from Mrs. Mary Turpin Layton, Mrs. Fred Adams, Cincinnati, O., and Miss Adelpine Marie Hall, 5200 Springlake Way, Homeland, Baltimore, Md. It is not very well annotated.

See: Vet. Adm. Ba-FEEL, Nathan Adams BLW-t-#371-300. Sarah, widow allowed seven years half pay. Bounty; and Warrant #371 for 300 acres of county land issued in 1807 in favor of John Adams, son and Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah and Levin Adams- minor heirs of William Adams, son of Nathan. From this it appears that Nathan Adams was dead by 1807; that his son William was dead, also, and that his son John was living. In the same file, we find that Warrants for bounty lands #373 for 200 acres were issued to William Adams (1. ante) and #372 for 450 acres to Peter Adams (3. post).

We find, also, in the Kent Co. records: 1808, Abner Dill made an affidavit in which he stated that his daughter Chaney, lately deceased, had married William Adams, son of Captain Nathan Adams, and a nephew of Captain William (1. ante), that William had died and that his daughter had married 2nd, Wm. Clarke. He, Dill, was about 56 years old. This is Dr. William Adams and his children, Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah, and Levin were under 14 years of age in 1808.

Also, 1789, "John Adams of Milford, Del. physician; appoint my brother, Wm. Adams, of the same place my lawful attorney to obtain lands due Capt. Nathan Adams of Delasare; Col. Peter Adams and William Adams of Maryland service."

Children:

a. Dr. William Adams. d. before 1806. m. Chaney Dill dau. of Abner Dill who survived him and m. 2nd. Wm. Clarke. Children, all under 14 yrs. of age in 1806.

- (a) Elizabeth \*\*\*
- (b) Ann \*\*\*
- (c) Sarah \*\*\*
- (d) Levin \*\*\*

b. Dr. John Adams who was living in Milford Hundred (formerly Mispillion Hd.) as late 1816. \*\*\*

(3) Peter Adams, Col. in the Maryland Line, Continental Army. d. 1788 in Delaware, Sussex Co. Will dated May 15, 1775 named his wife, Mary and children:





Daughters: (a) Sarah Adams \*\*\*  
 (b) Mary Adams \*\*\*  
 (c) Elizabeth Adams \*\*\*  
 Sons: (d) William Adams \*\*\*  
 (e) Peter Adams \*\*\*  
 (f) Levin Adams \*\*\*

- (4) Elizabeth Adams \*\*\*
- (5) Nancy Adams \*\*\*
- (6) Sarah Adams \*\*\*
- (7) Mary \*\*\*

See: Will of Nathan Adams, d. 1802 in Scott Co. Ky.

- 9. Sarah Adams, b. ca 1750. m. Nov. 12, 1769, Thomas Beauchamp who d. in 1803.

Children:

- (1) Nancy Beauchamp, b. Feb. 7, 1771. May have m. Isaac Adams in 1703. \*\*\*
- (2) Samuel Adams Beauchamp, b. Sept. 29, 1772; d. Mar. 5, 1857, m. Sally or Nelly Adams. \*\*\*
- (3) Betty Adams Beauchamp, b. Apr. 10, 1778. \*\*\*
- (4) Easter Beauchamp, b. May 1, 1781. \*\*\*
- (5) Noah Beauchamp, b. Feb. 24, 1785. \*\*\*

- III. Mary Adams, b. ca 1705 m. George Marshall (1703-1761).

Children:

- 1. Samuel Marshall. \*\*\*
- 2. Elizabeth Marshall. \*\*\*
- 3. Mary Marshall. \*\*\*
- 4. Ellis Marshall. \*\*\*  
m. a Hall.
- 5. Sarah Marshall m. a Mr. David. \*\*\*
- 6. George Marshall, b. 1745. \*\*\*
- 7. Adrean Marshall. d. 1777 or 1779. m. Peggy.

Children:

- (1) Martha Marshall. \*\*\*
- (2) Sarah Marshall. \*\*\*
- (3) Polly Marshall. \*\*\*
- (4) Levinah Marshall. \*\*\*
- (5) Ephraim Marshall. \*\*\*
- (6) Samuel Marshall m. Rhoda, apparently.

Children: See CP. \*\*\*

- (7) Esther. \*\*\*

- IV. Grace Adams m. a Marshall by 1769.

Children:

- 1. Thomas Marshall, Jr., m. Esther Marshall, Mar. 25, 1766.  
Children: (from CP.)

- (1) Mary Marshall, b. Mar. 10, 1767. \*\*\*
- (2) Stephen Marshall, b. Apr. 22, 1770. \*\*\*
- (3) John Marshall, b. Apr. 8, 1773. \*\*\*

- 2. Isaac Marshall m. Sarah Tilghman, Feb. 17, 1768.

Children: (from CP)

- (1) Janey Marshall, b. Oct. 15, 1772. \*\*\*
- (2) Martha Marshall, b. Jan. 16, 1769. \*\*\*
- (3) Mary Marshall, b. Mar. 18, 1770. \*\*\*
- (4) Isaac Marshall, b. Dec. 19, 1774. \*\*\*

- 3. Stephen Marshall m. Mary Gunby, Apr. 12, 1770. He appears to





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have been from Accomack Co., Va.

Children: (from CP) See, also, VES p. 1335.

(1) Thomas Marshall, b. Jan. 11, 1771. \*\*\*

(2) Sarah Marshall, b. Feb. 19, 1772. \*\*\*

(3) Stephen Marshall, b. Dec. 25, 1773. \*\*\*

(4) Leah Marshall, b. Oct. 19, 1775. \*\*\*

V. Elizabeth Adams probably m. Elijah Matthews by 1769.  
He d. 1789.

Children:

1. John Matthews. \*\*\*

2. Mary Matthews. \*\*\*

3. Martha Matthews. \*\*\*

4. Rachel Matthews. \*\*\*

5. Rhoda Matthews. \*\*\*

6. Betty Matthews. \*\*\*

VI. Rhoda Adams m. Fountain Beauchamp, Feb. 11, 1746 and he d. in 1790.  
Children: (dates from CP).

1. Tabitha Beauchamp, b. April 8, 1749. \*\*\*

2. Levi Beauchamp, b. April 8, 1751. m. Sarah. \*\*\*

3. Fountain Beauchamp, b. June 19, 1754, m. Leah. \*\*\*

4. Rhoda Beauchamp, b. 1758

5. Isaac Beauchamp, b. 1760, m. Eunice. \*\*\*

6. William Beauchamp, b. 1760, m. Nancy Parker before 1785.  
She was b. ca 1761.

Children:

(1) John Beauchamp. \*\*\*

(2) Levi Beauchamp. \*\*\*

(3) Judy Beauchamp m. a Dikes.

(4) Elizabeth Beauchamp m. M. H. Mattoon.

(5) Sally Beauchamp m. George Parker.

(6) Melinda Beauchamp m. a Clayton.

(7) Rhoda Beauchamp m. 1st Abram Walker and 2nd Henry  
Sharp in 1815. She was b. July 18, 1781; d. Mar. 31, 1846.

VII. Tabitha Adams of Hope. William Adams of David known as William  
Adams of Condockway and Annamessex, Apr. 20, 1746. He was a minor  
at the time, therefore b. ca 1726; d. after 1776. She d. after 1769. See:  
Will of her father, 1769. It is thought that most of the descendants of the  
surviving children have been accounted for by Miss Katharine K. Adams.  
(Dates from CP).

Children:

1. Philip Adams, b. 1746/7; living in 1801.

2. Sophia Adams, b. Nov. 12, 1749; was living in 1800 in Snow Hill.  
She m. Eli Adams, Nov. 19, 1770. He was the son of Isaac  
Adams (ca 1711-1762) of Thomas and Anne and Elizabeth Adams  
dau of William Adams and Margaret Taylor.

Children:

(1) Angelo Adams, b. Mar. 2, 1771; m. Elizabeth Kellam; lived in  
Scott and Harrison Co., Ky. In Xenia, O. by 1807, later in  
Madison Co., O.

(2) Anne Adams deposed that she was 19 years of age in 1793. b.  
1774. m. James Noble Dykes in 1794; he d. 1795; m. 2nd  
Elgate Driskill, Apr. 15, 1796. Moved to Greene Co., O.

(3) Jacob Adams, b. ca 1774 or later, m. Nellie Beauchamp.

(4) Ephraim Adams, b. ca 1775 and living in 1805.



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- (5) Elizabeth Adams, Sept. 5, 1778; d. in Cedarville, O. in 1870.  
m: James Crawford in Worcester Co., Md. before 1805.
- (6) Probably Isaac Adams.
- (7) Eli Adams, b. July 13, 1785, at Snow Hill; d. Apr. 16, 1870  
in Mechanicsburg, O. m. Aug. 2, 1810 to Elizabeth Beeks, b.  
Nov. 15, 1790 in Augusta Co., Va. d. Nov. 18, 1847, dau. of  
Christopher Beeks and Catherine Barnes of Xenia, O.  
Catherine Barnes Beeks m. 2nd Samuel Ewing, Sept. 29, 1814;  
she was b. 1757, m. 1773, d. 1834.
3. William Adams, b. Aug. 23, 1752; m. Leah Bozman, April 3,  
1776. (CP p.55)  
Children:  
(1) Isaac Adams, b. Mar. 30, 1779.  
(2) William Adams
4. Hope Adams, b. Apr. 7, 1755. m. Mary Taylor,
5. Isaac Adams, b. Dec. 30, 1757.
3. Dennis Taylor, b. Apr. 13, 1689; d. by 1748 m. his cousin, Ann Lyd,  
dau. of George Lyd and Elizabeth Dennis. She may have remarried  
for her son, in his will of 1772 mentions "Ann Prior".  
Children: One, only, known to have survived.  
1. Elias Taylor m. Susannah Gunby, Jan. 19, 1736 who d. Feb. 2,  
1762 and he m. 2nd Sarah Adams, Jan. 19, 1764.  
Children:  
1. Gunby Taylor, b. Jan. 7, 1737, m. Naomi Carsley, Jan. 4,  
1759.  
Children:  
(1) Sarah Taylor, b. Oct. 27, 1759.\*\*\*  
(2) Esther Taylor, b. Apr. 4, 1762.\*\*\*  
(3) Mary Gunby Taylor, b. Jan. 20, 1764.\*\*\*  
2. Sarah Taylor, b. Nov. 6, 1739; d. 1810, m. William Adams  
of Thomas and Rachel. Will made Feb. 22, 1775, pro. May  
13, 1777. EB 5 p. 101. (W).\*\*\*  
3. Dennis Taylor, b. Apr. 4, 1741 m. Anne Adams of Thomas  
and Rachel, Mar. 12, 1767, and 2nd Sarah Adams of David.  
Children of Dennis and Anne (CP):  
(1) Ebe Taylor, b. Mar. 21, 1768.\*\*\*  
(2) Sarah Taylor, b. Aug. 16, 1769.\*\*\*  
(3) Nancy Taylor, b. May 6, 1773.\*\*\*  
(4) William Taylor, b. Feb. 17, 1775.\*\*\*  
4. Rachel Taylor, b. Aug. 5, 1745.\*\*\*  
5. Elias Taylor, b. June 10, 1747.\*\*\*  
6. Levin Taylor, b. Aug. 1, 1749.\*\*\*  
7. Mary Taylor of Dennis and Sarah Adams, b. July 7, 1766, m.  
Hope Adams of Tabitha Adams and William Adams of  
Condockway and Annamessex who was b. Apr. 7, 1755, d.  
1815. Mary (1766-1821) will Mar. 14, 1819.  
Children:  
(1) William Adams.\*\*\*  
(2) Hope Adams.\*\*\*
4. Hope Taylor, Jr., d. 1732. Accounts files by Robert Taylor, July  
29, 1732: 14-352. An un-referenced note indicates that he  
might have married a daughter of Jeremiah Morris.





5. Margaret Taylor, b. Nov. 2, 1691; d. after 1760; m. William Adams of Philip and Anne Crewe by 1708. His will made Apr. 1, 1756, pro. Dec. 8, 1760; EB 4, p. 72.

I. Philip Adams, b. 1708, d. 1761. m. Sarah (probably) Maddux who was living in 1765.

Children:

1. Jael Adams, b. ca 1744. \*\*\*
2. Eddy Adams, b. 1746. \*\*\*
3. Leah Adams, b. ca 1748. \*\*\*
4. Sene (or Acana) Adams, b. 175. \*\*\*
5. Matilda. \*\*\*
6. Micajah Adams, d. 1792 who was over 14 in 1772. m. Mary before 1790 who m. 2nd Joshua Ross by 1792. Apparently, they had two daughters:
  - (1) Nancy Adams. \*\*\*
  - (2) Esther Adams who m. Samuel Smith. \*\*\*

II. Dennis Adams (1710-1777) m. by 1742, Rachel Long of Daniel: See, 2, under Elizabeth Taylor, ante.

Children:

1. Sabra Adams, d. 1802. She probably m. her cousin Jacob Adams of Jacob and Anne as his 2nd wife. \*\*\*
2. William Adams, d. 1790 m. Sarah, probably Sarah Taylor, Mar. 23, 1761 (CP).

Children:

- (1) Peggy Adams. \*\*\*
- (2) Dennis Adams, b. Jan. 20, 1772, was living in 1801 and had two daughters:
  - (a) Sarah. \*\*\*
  - (b) Polly m. William Williams. \*\*\*
- (3) Asa Adams, d. 1801. \*\*\*
- (4) Grace Adams, b. Nov. 7, 1774. \*\*\*

III. William Adams, b. (1712-1784) m. Sarah (Adams or Moore) (CP).

Children:

1. William Adams, b. Oct. 10, 1736, was living in 1806 m. Sarah Gunby, Nov. 14, 1765.

Children:

- (1) Zepporah Adams, b. Nov. 5, 1766. \*\*\*
- (2) John Adams, b. Dec. 6, 1768. \*\*\*
- (3) James Adams, b. Mar. 8, 1772, m. Elizabeth. \*\*\*
- (4) Stoughton Adams, b. Aug. 4, 1776 probably m. "Shady" whose child
  - a. Sarah Gunby Adams was b. in Wor. Co. May 30, 1805. \*\*\*

2. Martha Adams, b. Mar. 27, 1743, m. David Lankford Jan. 2, 1763. He d. 1778.

Children:

- (1) William Lankford, b. Jan. 13, 1764; d. 1818, m. Betty. \*\*\*
- (2) Benjamin Lankford, b. Aug. 8, 1765; d. 1816, m. Sarah. \*\*\*
- (3) Nathan Adams, b. Dec. 10, 1767. \*\*\*
3. Peggy Adams, b. Aug. 20, 1749, was m. by 1780 to Levin Connaway. \*\*\*





IV. Elizabeth Adams m. Isaac Adams (1711-1762) of Thomas of Philip, Sept. 18, 1736.

1. Ephraim Adams, b. Mar. 10, 1741/2; d. 1789 unm.
2. Leah Adams, b. Feb. 14, 1743/4. \*
3. Isaac Adams, b. Mar. 20, 1746; d. 1790 ? \*
4. Eli Adams, b. Oct. 22, 1742 m. Sophia Adams.  
See, ante: 2, under Tabitha and William.
5. Jacob Adams probably d. 1792, d. c.a. 1750. \*
6. Spencer Adams, b. ca 1752 was living in 1790.

It has been reported that some of the descendants of Spencer Adams migrated to Wilkes Co., N. C. by 1789 and thence to Letcher Co., Ky. in 1803. See, also, Floyd Co., Ky. In 1819-20, some of these Adams moved to Dallas Co., Ala. near Selma and intermarried with the Caudills.

V. Leah Adams m. Henry Schoolfield, Nov. 27, 1746. He d. 1777.

Children:

1. Henry Schoolfield, b. Dec. 17, 1747.
2. Leah Schoolfield. \*\*\*
3. Levi Schoolfield. \*\*\*
4. Sarah Schoolfield. \*\*\*
5. William Schoolfield, b. Sept. 14, 1758; d. Oct. 14, 1760. \*\*\*
6. Stephen Schoolfield, b. Sept. 21, 1754. \*\*\*
7. William Adams Schoolfield, m. by 1803 Mary ? \*\*\*
8. Mary Schoolfield, b. Feb. 7, 1750. There was a Mary Schoolfield that m. John Schoolfield in 1788. (CP). \*\*\*

VI. Margaret Adams was under age in 1760 but in 1777 is referred to as Margaret Mumford. \*\*\*

6. Robert Taylor, b. 1694; d. ca 1752 m. Elizabeth who was Ex. of his will. Bal Bk. 1 f 27, Feb. 8, 1752.

Coventry Parish Records show the following children of Robert and Elizabeth Taylor, but there is no indication whether or not they were born of this Robert and Elizabeth or some other.

- I. John Taylor, b. Sept. 24, 1744. \*\*\*
- II. Stephen Taylor, b. Jan. 12, 1746. \*\*\*
- III. Robert Taylor, b. Nov. 27, 1750.

Children of Donnock Dennis of Donnock.

- m. 1st. ....
- m. 2nd Sarah Johnson. She survived him.
- b. Feb. 16, 1669.
- d. Intestate after Mar. 4, 1747 (W) DB B p. 538.  
Sarah Johnson was the daughter of Affradozi Johnson. See: JW 2, p. 18, 1744 where he bequeathed to his only daughter Sarah and to his grandson, Samuel Dennis. She was B. no earlier than 1700 and died after 1750.

Insofar as is known, Donnock Dennis' (Sr) family were the only persons by that name living in Somerset (and Worcester) county at the time he died, 1716/17. Two boys, Donnock and John, and his widow (2nd marriage) survived him. The children of these two boys who lived from about 1700 to as



late as 1811 were his grandchildren. Donnock Dennis, Jr., the elder son, died intestate a short time after the last entry in the Worcester county records DB B p. 538, 1747. The other son, John, left a will and his descendants have been recorded and tabulated and a rather complete and reliable list of his male descendants appears later. See: Post. John Dennis of Donnock. Assuming that the tabulation is complete for this generation, the others of record might be assumed to have been children of Donnock, Jr. These "others of record" appear in the land and court records of Worcester County. These records have not disclosed a distribution or inventory account for Donnock Dennis, Sr., his surviving widow, Donnock, Jr. or his surviving widow.

Children of known record:

1. William Dennis, Sr., b. before 1716/17, m. Rodah. He lived on "Long Ridge" and sold the land he had inherited from "his grandfather, Donnock Dennis, in his will," to Joseph Allen, Mar. 4, 1747 (W) DB A p. 483. Quit rents were assessed him for the "Long Ridge" property from 1756 to 1771. His will (W) JW 2 p. 183 was made July 25, 1757, proven Sept. 14, 1757, filed Feb. 1758, and passed in Aug. 1763. He left the "home place" and "Edward's Lot" to his sons:

Wheatley Dennis and  
Lazarus Dennis and his  
wife, Rodah, Executrix.

The will of this Wheatley Dennis was made June 2, 1760 and proved Sept. 8, 1768, Liber JW 3 p. 169. His mother, Rodah, was named Executrix and his entire estate was left to his two sisters, Mary and Tipporah.

Perhaps Lazarus died before Wheatley and the records have not disclosed the marriage of either Mary or Tipporah. It appears that this line ended with the decease of the last of these four children.

Note: (MLO). "Rhoda Dennis, mar. Capt. Abraham Outeen; dau. of Wheatley Dennis of Worc. Co.; his acct., Sept. 2, 1752; Adm. Accts. Lib. 33 fol 120." This may belong here.

2. Theophilis Dennis. The only entry for this son is in the will of Donnock Dennis, Sr. \*\*
3. Caleb Dennis. The only entry for this son is in Judge Dennis' note. \*\*
4. Sarah Dennis m. Lazarus Dennis of John as his 2nd wife. She survived him, but there is no issue of record. His will JW 2 p. 138 was made Sept. 12, 1754 and proven Nov. 16, 1754. No records of her remarriage has been found. \*\*
5. Affradozi Dennis paid quit rent on a part of "Dennis' Choice" from 1745 to 1774 (Records of J. T. Scharf). No children or widow mentioned. \*\*





6. Annanias Dennis. See: DB P p. 86 when he sold Affradozi's land to his brother James in 1793, land which was granted to Affradozi, Dec. 12, 1762. Also DB N p. 346, 1789, Bill of Sale to Joshua Jones. No wife is mentioned and no children either. He is listed in the Census of 1790 with one male under 16 and two females. It is believed that he died about 1797. \*\*\*
7. Samuel Dennis. There are two entries. In his will JW No. 2, p. 18, May 3, 1743, Affradozi Johnson bequeathed to "my grandson, Samuel Dennis, a two year old heiffer and her increase" and DB D, p. 169, Bill of Sale for a cow and calf to Valentine Dennis, 1756. \*\*
8. Johnson Dennis. It appears that he was the first Dennis to make his home north of Powellsville. It might have been that his wife, Nancy, or her family, influenced this move. Who her family was is not clear. He owned "Milford" one of the purchases of Donnock Dennis, Sr. who left it to Donnock, son of John, who probably died in 1740 without issue. It lay along Littleton's creek east of Pittsville. Also, "Buck Ridge", Pat. Aug. 1750 to Edward Beachamp who left it to George Adams. Patented to Benjamin Bishop, May 16, 1758, See: Wor. Co. Rent Roll No. 1, f 136. It was sold by Samuel Smallwood to John Dennis, Sheriff, Oct. 9, 1763, DB D p. 83. It lay south of Pittsville along the old road to Powellsville, but how it was acquired by Johnson Dennis is not clear. He owned, also, "Bassett's Choice" which was originally called "Atkin's Delight", resurveyed for William Bassett, Apr. 29, 1755, and patented Mar. 26, 1760. Wor. Co. Rent Roll No. 1 (48) f 159. Johnson Dennis bought it from William Bassett DB F p. 41, 1763. This tract lay east of the other two, along the road from Willards to Powellsville. These three tracts were the nucleus of Dennis Property in the Pittsville - Willards - Powellsville area.

Johnson Dennis disposed of some of his patrimony to Thomas Robins. See: DB D p. 23, Mar. 4, 1756. Johnson Dennis, and his wife, Nancy, conveyed to Thomas Robins, land called "Second Choice" situated on the west side of the Pocomoke river, on the south east side of Dennis' branch patented Oct. 9, 1747. Then see, also: Liber JW No. 3, folio 125. Will of Thomas Robins, dated Dec. 31, 1765. He bequeathed "to my daughter Esther Robins the plantation where Donnock Dennis lived and left to his son Johnson Dennis lying in the forrest on Aydoletts branch near Cypress branch." This suggests a Dennis - Robins marriage.

Johnson Dennis, made his will Apr. 20, 1811, which was proven July 23, 1811. Liber MH No. 4, p. 281. He bequeathed to his

Sons:	John Dennis
	James Dennis
	Henry Dennis
	Thomas Dennis
	Johnson Dennis
	George Dennis
Daughters:	Mary Lewis
	Kezziah Davis
Grandson:	Littleton Dennis
Executor:	John Dennis

From the tenor of his will, one would imagine that he lived on "Bassett's Choice."





It is thought that all of his descendants can be proven and located. See: Post. "The descendants of Johnson Dennis" for the male lines and some of the known female lines.

Religion: From Coventry Parish records it is clear that Donnock Dennis, Sr. was a conformist and likely raised his children in conformity with the discipline of the Church of England. Nevertheless, Donnock Dennis, Jr. married 2nd Sarah Johnson from a distinctively non-conformist family that came, with others, from Virginia and her religious philosophy certainly had some influence. She may have brought up her children in her religion. See: Will of Col. John Dennis: Liber JW No. 4, p. 484, 1782 or MLO Wills f 157 where he directs that his remains be interred beside his wife at St. Martin's Episcopal Church "through which religion, only, can man hope for eternal salvation." Perhaps this feeling was directed, at least partially, to Johnson Dennis. Johnson's grandsons of Thomas and Henry certainly donated land for Methodist Churches.

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## THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHNSON DENNIS

in the order recorded in his will.

### I. John Dennis

b. 1754 or earlier. d. 1831. Will (W).

m. Sarah Parker of George Parker, Sr. (W). Liber L, folio 121 dated Apr. 26, 1785; deed to Peter Gordy.

See, also: (W) DB Y p. 313, June 4, 1806. His wife was Eleanor. This must have been his second wife. It is thought that most of his children were borne by his first wife.

He was a soldier on the Revolutionary war (Md. Archives Vol. 18) Muster Rolls of Maryland in the American Revolution. Wicomico Battalion. July 15, 1780. Capt. Davis' Co. He signed the Oath of Fidelity in 1778. He was included in Scharf's notes as a land owner in 1783. The Census of 1790 shows the personnel of his household to have been, besides himself and his wife, two boys and one girl under 16 years old. So he was pretty well established by that time.

His will (W) Liber MH 27, p. 492-3, was made June 12, 1828 and proven Nov. 4, 1831, shows that he had added considerable land to his patrimony. In this will, he bequeathed to his

Son:	Littleton Dennis,	Collins' Delight Buck Ridge Bassett's Choice
"	John W. Dennis,	Dennis' Delight Forlornhope
"	Lemuel Dennis,	Dennis' Liberty
Daughter:	Polly (who had married Johnson Dennis of Henry, Jan. 31, 1817). See: Post. Henry Dennis.	

Heirs of Elizabeth Parsons

Ad Executor: Littleton Dennis

Witnesses:

Thomas White  
John Parsons  
George Truitt





As John Parsons and Elizabeth Dennis were married (W) Jan. 2-, 1806, it appears that John Parsons was his son-in-law. \*\*\* George Truitt married Sally Dennis, daughter of Henry Dennis of Johnson. See: His will. She was the testator's niece.

He must have had more children than those mentioned in his will. Likely he named only those living plus his deceased daughter Elizabeth.

#### Male children of John Dennis:

1. Littleton Dennis. See: TPP6 p. 411 (W) Jan. 31, 1865 for the distribution of the effects of Littleton Dennis of John of Johnson by James B. Hamblin. His wife had been Polly Dennis of Thomas of Johnson who did not survive him. See: DB AR p. 100, 1825; "Polly Dennis of Thomas, now the wife of Littleton Dennis" conveyed "Hard Adventure" of Thomas of Johnson to his son John (Black Headed Jack) Dennis. Littleton married Polly Dennis, Jan. 31, 1815. He must have been married before. Indeed this may have been the second marriage for both of them.

He was born prior to 1790, died in 1864. He lived a long life, preserved his patrimony, added to it, and was one of the large freeholders of Worcester county. See: (W) DB WET No. 2, p. 132, 1860 and DB WET No. 3, Aug. 1, 1863 when he was distributing some of his property, and retaining a life interest, in "Collins Delight" where he lived, to Hiram J. Dennis and Levin H. Dennis. The relation is not clear; perhaps they were his grandchildren. Levin H. Dennis died in 1884 and his estate was administered by Daniel W. Dennis.

Distribution was made as follows:

- (1) Julia Dennis, wife of James Dennis and daughter of the deceased. (W) James Dennis and Julia Dennis were married July 9, 1839. See: Post. James Dennis of Henry.
- (2) Matilda Timmons, wife of Caleb Timmons and daughter of the deceased. \*\*\*
- (3) Thomas Dennis, son of the deceased.
- (4) Gattie Parsons, wife of George L. Parsons and daughter of the deceased. \*\*\*
- (5) John W. Dennis, son of the deceased.
- (6) Amelia J. Dennis, wife of Benjamin Dennis and daughter of the deceased. See: Post. Ananias Dennis of Henry.
- (7) Julia Truitt, daughter of Caleb and Henrietta Truitt and grand daughter of the deceased. (W) Caleb Truitt and Henrietta Dennis were married Jan. 20, 1847. \*\*\*
- (8) Cordelia Ann, Maria E. m. Clarissa M., and John E. Hamblin, children of Mary C. Hamblin, former wife of James B. Hamblin and daughter of the deceased. (W) James B. Hamblin and Mary C. Dennis were married Aug. 12, 1846. \*\*\*

#### Male lines.

- (3) Thomas Dennis married Nancy Carey (W) Oct. 23, 1849 and died in 1881, Levin T. Dennis and James H. West Administrators. There was no distribution filed and the surviving widow, Nancy Dennis died in 1890. Distribution was filed (Wic.) Jan. 10, 1893. The property went to two children.

- a. Levin Thomas Dennis m. Fannie E. Williams (Wic.). April 15, 1874. \*\*\*
- b. Mary E. West. (Wic.) Mary E. Dennis (age 20) married James Henry West (21) Dec. 15, 1869. Six children:





- (a) Tom West. \*\*
- (b) Carl West. \*\*\*
- (c) Pearl West, married Capt. Lafe Collins. \*\*\*
- (d) A daughter married Thomas Phillips, Delmar. \*\*\*
- (e) " " " James W. Taylor. \*\*\*
- (f) " " " former Mayor Thornton of Delmar. \*\*\*

(5) John W. Dennis of John may have married (W) Nancy M. Quinton, Dec. 12, 1822. Whoever his first wife was, she bore him several children and died. He, then, married Henrietta Givans, a widow with three children. The date of this marriage, the family name of Henrietta, and the name of her first husband are not clear. Harriet survived him. The names in the following three distributions enable us to separate his children and step-children into three groups. See: (W) TT No. 4, p. 377, Aug. 24, 1852 for the distribution of his estate to his widow, one-third and twelve children. Children:

- a. Robert H. Dennis, deceased. Francis Mezick, Adm. July 13, 1852. (W) GBG No. 4, p. 22, July 27, 1852. There were no net proceeds and therefore no list of the beneficiaries. Knowing the circumstances, it is possible that his father, Littleton Dennis, made some provision for two of his children. See: (W) DB WET No. 2, p. 132 and DB WET No. 3, p. 1860 and 1863. In these indentures, Littleton retained a life estate in "Collins Delight" where he lived, granting the land to Hiram J. Dennis and Levin H. Dennis. This is the only entry of Hiram J. and Daniel W. Dennis became administrator for Levin H. Dennis, July 8, 1884. See: (W) Marriages. Robert Dennis and Charlotte Pennewell, Feb. 15, 1815; also, DB AO p. 265, 1825 Robert Dennis and his wife, Charlotte A. conveyed land that had belonged to John Dennis of Johnson. He must have been born before 1800.
- b. Sampson Dennis.
- c. Joseph M. Dennis.
- d. John P. Dennis.
- e. Stephen Dennis.
- f. Martha E. Dennis.
- g. Wesley Dennis.
- h. Leah A. Dennis.
- i. Margaret Dennis.
- j. Maria Dennis.
- k. Jane Sturgis, wife of John Sturgis.
- l. Harriet Perdue, wife of Lemuel H. Perdue and daughter of the deceased.

Distribution was made by John Burbage, Administrator.

The widow did not live very long. See: (W) GBG No. 4, p. 172, Aug. 9, 1853. Sampson Burbage, Administrator. Distributed the proceeds of her estate among her children, namely:

- a. Peter B. Givens
- b. Noah Givans.
- c. John S. Givans.
- d. Martha E. Dennis.
- e. Leah Ann Dennis.





- f. Wesley Dennis.
- g. Margaret Dennis.
- h. Elizabeth Dennis.

By matching this list against the former one, it appears that the following children of John W. Dennis of Littleton had a mother, or mothers, different from Harriet (Henny or Henrietta) Givans.

- a. Robert H. Dennis
- b. Sampson Dennis
- c. Joseph M. Dennis
- d. John P. Dennis
- e. Stephen Dennis
- j. Maria Dennis. She may have died unmarried between the dates of the two distributions.
- k. Jane Sturgis.
- l. Harriet Perdue.

See: GBG No. 10, p. 560. This is the distribution made by James Duncan, Adm. under the will of Leah A. Dennis "late of Missouri", Aug. 27, 1861. Bequests were made to:

- a. Sampson Dennis.
- b. Joseph Dennis.
- c. John P. Dennis.
- d. Stephen Dennis.
- e. Jane Sturgis.
- f. Wesley Dennis.
- g. Margaret Elizabeth Dennis.
- h. Littleton Dennis in the right of his deceased wife Martha Dennis.
  - i. Peter Givans.
  - j. Noah Givans.
  - k. John Givans.

- l. Samson Perdue son of Henny Perdue, wife of Lemuel Perdue and sister of the deceased.

From the Worcester county marriage records:

- a. Sampson Dennis m. Mary Bounds, Apr. 19, 1848.\*\*\*
- b. John P. Dennis m. Mary Perdue July 17, 1849.  
Estate was settled by Edward W. Marshall (W) Feb. 2, 1885.  
One son:  
(a) Robert Dennis who married Mary Dennis of John W. Dennis of Ananias. Issue.\*\*\*
- c. Martha E. Dennis m. Littleton Q. Dennis (Jr.) Nov. 1, 1853.  
See: Post. Valentine Dennis.
- d. John Sturgis m. Jane Dennis, Nov. 15, 1847.\*\*\*
- e. Lemuel H. Perdue m. Henrietta Dennis, Dec. 17, 1849.\*\*\*
- 3. Lemuel Dennis married Margaret Johnson, March 11, 1828 (W).  
See: DB JCH No. 2, p. 32, March 28, 1835, deed to Isaac Nichols. Then DB GMH No. 1, p. 512, 1838, deed to Steward Atkins for a part of "Bassett's Choice" he received by will from John Dennis of Johnson, and DB GMH No. 2, p. 4, 1838, deed to Mordiaci Holloway for "Dennis' Liberty" surveyed for John Dennis of Johnson. It appears that he was closing out in preparation for a move. This is the last entry in Worcester county. All the grantors were Lemuel and Margaret Dennis.

In the records of marriages and wills of Accomack Co., Va. there are two entries of interest.

Marriages: Lemuel Dennis and Stella Denton, married Dec. 15, 1842.





Wills: Lemuel Dennis, made Oct. 12, 1849, proven Nov. 27, 1849.  
John S. Johnson, Executor.  
Bequests to:  
(1) His son William.  
(2) His daughter Mary.

Further search should uncover some reliable data on this Lemuel Dennis.\*\*\*

## II. James Dennis

Of James Dennis, we know little. His name appears on the muster roll of Capt. Perdue's Co. Wicomico Bn. July 15, 1780, as security for his brother, Johnson Dennis in Scharf's notes in 1783, and he signed the Oath of Fidelity in 1778. He must have been born before 1760. Whom he married is not clear; no conveyance bearing his wife's name has been located. See: (W) James Dennis married Sarah Maddux, April 5, 1805. If this was he, likely it was a second marriage for he was over 40 years old. She did not live long for in 1813 (W) DB AD p. 353 he conveyed land to Henry Johnson without his wife's release. See: DB AL (W) p. 529, 1821 and AM p. 1, 1822. DB x p. 148, 1804 records a Bill of Sale to James Dennis from Solomin and John Shockley; the Shockleys were friends, at least. (W) Marriage records show John Shockley married Sally Dennis, June 27, 1811. She may have been his daughter.

From (W) DB AM . 358, 1822, we find Elizabeth Dennis "daughter of James Dennis of Johnson" and "her sister Sarah Dennis" conveyed "Dennis' Choice" that their father had bought from George Truitt, "to Cales Littleton. So it would appear that James was dead and these two daughters had inherited and were disposing of some of their patrimony. There were Dennises, both male and female, of the generation of his children, but no other entry has indicated James as their father. Perhaps he had no male descendants and his daughters deeded his property to a brother-in-law, a nephew, or some other relative in the female line.

George Truitt, from whom he purchased this land "Dennis' Choice", married Salley Dennis of Henry. See: Post. Affridozzi's Land "Dennis' Delight" was acquired by James' brother, John (See: Ante), and willed to his son John W. Dennis in 1831 and was included in the distribution to his heirs by John Burbage, Adm. of his estate in 1852.

Possibly the following from the Worcester county marriage records may belong here:

Sept. 11, 1832. Joseph S. Cottman and Elizabeth Dennis were married.

Oct. 24, 1836. Edward U. Powell and Sally Dennis were married.

It is thought that no male descendants of the name survived him.

## III. Henry Dennis of Johnson (or Henry Dennis, Sr.), b. 1755. d. 1849.

He served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Capt. Richard Davis' Co. under Col. Pope. See: Maryland Archives, Vol. 18, Folio 303. See: Also, Muster Rolls of Maryland in the American Revolution, pp. 249-50, Capt. Davis' Co., Henry Dennis, Mathias Dennis, John Dennis, and Joshua Dennis. These pages deal with the first and third of these, perhaps the other two were brothers. Note also, that in the same company was James Lewis (Jr.), who d. 1807, see, (W) will. He was Henry Dennis' brother-in-law. See, also: Order of Court, May 1814 (Post. Appendix) for the distribution of the estate of James Lewis, Sr.





This shows who Henry Dennis' first wife was. Note also: In the same company were a number of Davises some one of whom may have been the husband of Johnson Dennis' daughter Kezziah; also George Truitt, brother of Job, both of whom married Henry Dennis' daughters. George Truitt, Sr. was dead by Sept. 13, 1774, when his widow, Elizabeth made her will. Md. Cal. Wills. Vol. I, p. 30.

He signed the Oath of Fidelity in 1778. (Md. Hist. Soc.) Scharf classed him as a freeholder in 1783. Why he was missed in the Census of 1790 is not clear.

He was married twice and is reputed to have sired twenty one children. In his will, (W) L. P. S. 1, p. 403, made Dec. 21, 1833, he provided for fifteen children when he was 78 years old. One more, Isaac, is shown in the Order of Court, May 1814, for the sale of the real estate of James Lewis, Sr. Probably he was dead by 1833 and inasmuch as his will did not provide for his widow, she must have been dead by that time. After all, a mortality of twenty eight percent in seventy eight years is low for that generation.

His first wife was Ann Lewis of James Lewis, Sr. and her children, named in the Order of Court, 1814, are in the same order as in his will, which appears to be chronologically. She must have died shortly after 1800. He married, second, Elizabeth who (it is said by his descendants) was a widow whose family name was Purnell. (W) Marriage records show that Henry Dennis married Elizabeth Smack, Nov. 29, 1803. This may or may not have been Henry Dennis of Johnson. It is about the right date.

His will was proven July 31, 1849 and the witnesses were James W. Fooks, William Truitt, and Charles Littleton. There were close family ties between the last two of these witnesses and the testator, but no such connection with James M. Fooks is apparent.

His children, in the order named in his will, follow:

By Ann Lewis:

1. Daniel Dennis
2. Peggy Dennis, wife of Job. Truitt
3. Sally Dennis, wife of George Truitt
4. Johnson Dennis
5. Henry Dennis
6. Ananias Dennis
7. Purnell I. Dennis

By Elizabeth:

8. John Dennis
9. Ephraim Wilson Dennis
10. James Dennis
11. Levin D. Dennis
12. Polly Littleton, wife of Isaac Littleton
13. Hetty Brittingham, wife of William Brittingham
14. Ann M. Dennis
15. Nancy F. Dennis

The writer's grandparents knew these people and visited among them, but the writer has failed to maintain communication with their grandchildren. The dates for Ananias and E. W. Dennis have been copied from their Bibles. The first was in the hands of John G. Brittingham and the writer has the latter. Other dates are from court records. This whole list with dates has been checked by the late Dr. James Custis Littleton, a half brother to Mrs. Allison Dennis and a person well informed. See: Post. E. W. Dennis, It has also been reviewed and checked by the late Arthur Trader, Chief Clerk, Maryland Land Commissioner's Office and a careful genealogist.





In the order named above:

1. Daniel Dennis migrated to Ohio where he lived and died unmarried. He visited among his relations on several occasions, once after the death of his father. No issue. \*\*
2. Peggy Dennis, wife of Job Truitt, migrated to Indiana and is reputed to have had issue. \*
3. Sally Dennis married George Truitt prior to the May Court 1814. Known children:

(1) George Truitt who married Levisa Holloway, Jan. 2, 1827. She was a daughter of Joshua Holloway and Elizabeth Atkins, therefore a granddaughter of Joshua Holloway the Revolutionary War soldier. Levisa died prior to 1867. A list of her children is in the will of Joshua Holloway (Wic. Co). 1867

a. Mary Jane Truitt married George Ward. He was a brother to William Freeny Ward. At least one child:

(a) George Ward. \*\*\*

b. Elijah James Truitt, who married Lucretia L. Morris, Dec. 20, 1852. After her death, he married Mary Ann Wimbrow. Available notes do not indicate the mother of his children. Joshua Holloway's will mentions three of his children:

(a) Mary Ratliff Truitt who married Elijah Raleigh. \*\*\*

(b) Rosena Truitt who married William West. Children:

a\* Elijah West. \*\*\*

b\* Tom West. \*\*\*

c\* Annie West married.....Perkins. \*\*\*

d\* Jennie West married Al. Powell. \*\*\*

(c) Levisia Truitt married Stansbury Adkins. See: Fooks Family p. 164.

Joshua Holloway did not have to mention all of his great grandchildren in his will and available notes indicate the following children of Elijah James Truitt.

(d) George William Truitt, Willards, Md. \*\*\*

(e) Sarah Martha Truitt. \*\*\*

(f) John K. Truitt. \*\*\*

(g) E. Sampson Truitt who married Bella K. Powell, Dec. 23, 1872. She was a daughter of Lambert J. and Katherine Powell, born Apr. 27, 1856 and died Nov. 19, 1932.

Children:

a\* E. Wilmer Truitt, Snowden, N.C. \*\*\*

b\* Maud Truitt married Victor H. Laws. \*

c\* Mary Truitt married J. Herman Perdue. \*  
He was a son of John D. Perdue.

d\* George Lloyd Truitt died unmarried in 1906. \*\*

e\* and f\* Two died young. \*\*

c. Sallie E. Truitt married Thomas Jones. \*\*\*

d. Priscilla Ann Truitt married Lambert Perdue. \*\*\*

e. Hannah J. Truitt married.....Perdue. \*\*\*  
She died prior to 1867



4. Johnson Dennis of Herry married Polly Dennis of John, Jan. 21, 1817. They migrated to Ohio where they lived for a period of years and returned to Maryland.

See: Census of 1850 for Worcester Co. #76-76.

Name	Age	Date of Birth	Occupation
Johnson Dennis	57	1793	Manufacturer
Polly Dennis	52	1798	
Charlotte T. Dennis	25	1825	
Charles W. Dennis	20	1830	Student
Lemuel J. S. Dennis	18	1832	
Mitchell G. Dennis	12	1838	
Matilda Hosier	22	1828	

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John W. Dennis of

Johnson 27 1823 Born in Ohio

Mary A. Dennis (of A) 26 1824

Josiah Dennis 3 1847

He made his will June 7, 1854 and it was proven Aug. 1, 1854 (W)

TT 1, p. 113. In it, he devised to his oldest

(1) Daughter, Jemmina, wife of Benjamin Brittingham.

(W) Benjamin Brittingham and Mina Dennis were married Nov. 6, 1834. \*

(2) Four grandsons, Sons of Elijah M. Dennis

a. Thomas Asbury Dennis

b. Henry Clay Dennis \*

c. Reverdy Johnson Dennis

d. Lemuel James Dennis \*

(3) Children of Ann Warren, widow of Hillery P. Warren.

a. Ebenezer Fooks Warren \*

b. John Henry Warren \*

c. George Washington Warren \*

d. Josiah Warren \*

(4) His son, John W. Dennis, the lands "Tribulation" that he bought from his father, Henry Dennis.

(See: DB AU p. 493. 1828)

(5) His daughter, Charlotte

(6) His sons, Charles Washington

(7) Lemuel James T.

(8) Mitchell Gray

Charles Washington Dennis, Executor.

In the above order:

(2) His daughter, Mary, married (W) her cousin, Elijah M. Dennis of Purnell I. These are the male children of that date. Mary and Elijah were married July 3, 1842; he died in 1853 and administration papers were taken out by her brother, John W. Dennis of J. with bond for settlement signed by John W. Dennis of A. and Isaac M. Dennis (W) Dec. 27, 1853. The widow did not remarry and died in 1857. See: (W) GEB No. 4, p. 625. Her heirs were the four above and one daughter:

f. Mary A. Dennis \*

a. (W) Thomas A. Dennis married Rhoda C. Pruitt, Sept. 5, 1866; he aged 23 and she 18. This places his birth in 1843. \*\*\*

c. (Wic. Co.) Reverdy J. Dennis, aged 30, widower, married Gatty Lewis, aged 40, widow, Oct. 13, 1880 in St. James Chapel by George W. Covington. This places his birth in 1850.





- (3) His daughter, Ann, had married Hillery P. Warren, Nov. 29, 1838 was a widow. Whether she remarried or not, is not clear.
- (4) John W. Dennis of Johnson married Mary Ann Dennis of Ananias (W) Nov. 7, 1843. See: Post. Will of Ananias Dennis (Wic. Co.). See, Also: Census of 1850; he was b. 1823 in Ohio. He was keeper of the Fenwick Island Lighthouse and probably died in 1857. The Census of 1850 indicates that he had one child three years old:
  - a. Josiah Dennis \*
- (5) Charlotte Dennis probably died unmarried. \*
- (6) Charles Washington Dennis went into Virginia and was engaged in the lumber business, for a period with the Jacksons and Whaleys, and operated independently later. About 1896-7 his firm was the North Fork Lumber Co. He lived in Suffolk, Va. No copy of his will or any other data are available to the writer. In Wicomico Co. there is a record of a copy of the will of Amanda E. Dennis of Suffolk, Va. made April 24, 1886 and proven May 24, 1886. It has been assumed that the testator was Washington Dennis' wife or daughter because some of the legatees were his children. Some of these Dennises were married and spent the productive years of their life in Suffolk, Va. and are buried there. A descendant of this line, Claud Dennis, Jr. is now living in Jacksonville, Fla.

Children:

- a. Margaret A. Dennis \*
  - b. Gertrude E. Whaley \*
  - c. Charles M. Dennis \*
  - e. Samuel M. Dennis \*
  - f. Dora Dennis \*
  - g. Claud Dennis \*
  - h. William Dennis \*
  - i. Paul Dennis \*
  - (7) Lemuel James T. Dennis married Julia Jane (?) who joined him and "Polly" in the conveyance of a part of "Tribulation" to Wm. Baker, Nov. 11, 1858. See: DB WET No. 1, p. 376, also p. 439 when he released a mortgage to Wm. Baker for orphans of Elijah M. Dennis and the orphans were Henry C. and Lemuel J. Dennis of Elijah M. Dennis. \*
  - (8) Mitchell Gray Dennis \*
- Matilda Hosier b. 1828 and living with Johnson Dennis (Census of 1850) suggests an orphan or a widow. (W) Zepnehiah Hozier married Eleanor Dennis, Apr. 6, 1802. She may have been Johnson's sister and a daughter of Henry, but there is no entry to show it. As Matilda was about the age of Johnson's children, she may have been a niece or grandniece by an unrecorded member of the family. No Hosier data are at hand.

5. Henry Dennis of Henry made his will April 12, 1863 and it was proven May 26, 1863. In it he devised to:

1. Thomas W. Dennis
2. Nancy A. Littleton.
3. Pricilla C. Jarmon
4. Lemuel E. Dennis

James Duncan was Executor

See: (W) LPS No. 1, p. 403.

Witnesses: Littleton Q. Dennis, Hiram I. Bailey, Joshua Lewis. The following data have been obtained almost entirely from his descendants and from Dr. James Custis Littleton, a half brother



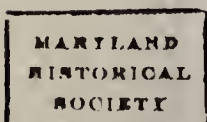


to Irving Littleton who lived at Powellsville and also to Allison Dennis' wife. They agree that his first wife was a Miss Dale. See: (W) DB JCH No. 4, p. 145 in 1838 his wife was Anna and DB JMH No. 3, p. 424, Mar. 16, 1840 his wife was Ann. (W) Marriage records show Henry Dennis married Ann Powell, June 6, 1818. This is about the right date but it may have been some other Henry Dennis. He lived at New Hope Mills and she bore him:

- (1) Thomas W. Dennis. (W) Will. George M. Upsher Ex. Aug. 7, 1877. The distribution has not been Consulted. \*\*\*
- (2) Asbury Dennis married a daughter of Elihu Pusey (apparently Mary) and a sister of Benjamin Pusey.  
Children:
  - a. Willis Dennis. Died unmarried. \*\*
  - b. Benjamin Dennis. See: (Wic. Co.) ELW No. 1, p. 24, Aug. 1, 1882. It is thought that no male heirs survived him.
- (3) Nancy A. Dennis who married Albert Littleton. Two children died in infancy. See: Post. Polly Dennis of Henry Dennis, Sr. and Isaac Littleton. \*\*
- (4) Hiram Dennis. He went to Missouri prior to the War between the States and was in the Confederate Army under General Sterling Price. General Price was Governor of Missouri and his forces were largely milita. Later in the war, he volunteered for service with Colonel John S. Mosby. At the reunions of Mosby and his men, Dennis was frequently spoken of as taking a part particular maneuvers. He was carried on the roster of Co. E. 43rd, Virginia Cavalry as C. H. Dennis. He died unmarried shortly after the war. \*\*
- (5) Precilla C. Jarmon. The descendants of this union have not been followed. \*\*

Henry Dennis married 2nd, Hester Esther Truitt, June 21, 1842 (W). She was born in 1820 and died in 1847. She was a sister of Minos Truitt, Rufus Truitt and Lemuel Truitt. See: Post. Nancy Dennis. Two children survived her:

- (6) L. E. P. Dennis who established and operated a fish processing business at Chrisfield, Md. and Cape Charles, Va., and he was a State Senator for Somerset Co., Md. He was born at New Hope Mills, July 12, 1843, and died at St. Petersburg, Fla. Jan. 29, 1920. He married Rebecca Smith Benson, daughter of Nathaniel Ratcliff Benson of Wilmington, Del. Jan. 7, 1869. She died at Crisfield, Md. July 31, 1925. Four children.
  - a. E. Benson Dennis who succeeded his father in business was born on the Pen-Del. Farm, Pa., Oct. 11, 1870 and died in the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Md. March 20, 1929. He married Martha Riffin, Crisfield, Md., Oct. 24, 1900. Four children:
    - (a) E. Benson Dennis, Jr., Born at Crisfield, Md. July 6, 1902. Died Aug. 14, 1902.
    - (b) E. Benson Dennis, Jr., born at Crisfield, Md. Aug. 14, 1903. On May 22, 1926 he married Ramona Louise Wolff of Staten Island. \*\*\*
    - (c) Rebecca Jane Dennis. born July 25, 1905, born in Crisfield, Md.





Married Dr. Wm. S. Hannch of Montgomery, Ala.  
June 30, 1928. \*\*\*

(d) Lemuel Franklin Dennis was born in Crisfield, Md.  
May 4, 1919. \*\*\*

b. Margaret Purnell Dennis. Born in Wilmington, Del.  
July 8, 1872 married James Hutchins Sterling, June 1,  
1904.

Issue:

(a) Dennis Sterling. Born in Baltimore, Md. July  
19, 1905, died July 21, 1905.

c. Wilmon Henry Dennis. Born in Crisfield, Md. Jan. 29,  
1874. Died March 3, 1874.

d. Ellen Garfield Dennis. Born in Crisfield, Md. Sept.  
18, 1881, married Oct. 9, 1902, William Mark  
Wooster in Crisfield, Md. From this union was born  
one daughter,

(a) Elanore Wooster, in Crisfield, Md. July 3, 1908. \*\*\*

(7) Narcissa Ellen Dennis was born at New Hope Mills, Nov. 17,  
1845, was married to Caleb Wyatt at Willards, Md. Apr. 6,  
1864. She died at Crisfield, Md. July 5, 1898.

Children:

a. Edward P. Wyatt, born March 4, 1865 near  
Willards, Md. married Oct. 10, 1894 to Emma R.  
Cullen of Crisfield, Md. \*\*\*

b. Sallie H. Wyatt, born Aug. 22, 1867 near Willards,  
Md. Married Wm. H. Sterling of Crisfield, Md. about  
1885 at Whaleyville, Md. \*\*\*

c. Chas. M. Wyatt, born Apr. 6, 1870 at Whaleyville,  
Md. married Louise Bond of Baltimore Co., Md.  
about 1898. \*\*\*

d. A. Benson Wyatt, born Aug. 11, 1877 at Whaley-  
ville, Md. Unmarried. \*\*

e. Wm. H. Wyatt, born Oct. 19, 1880 at Whaleyville,  
Md. married Mary Kent of Wilmington, Del. about  
1905. \*\*\*

f. Fred L. Wyatt, born Apr. 15, 1889 at Crisfield,  
Md. married Ruby Ayres of Wilmington, Del. about  
1912. \*\*\*

6. Ananias Dennis lived about a mile south of Willards on the east side of the road leading from Willards to Powellsville. The land was a part of his patrimony, about sixty acres, that he inherited from his father. The grave yard where he and some of his children and grandchildren lies along the same road and when the new concrete road was built, it was located very close to the graveyard, cutting through a little hill.

In his will, made July 15, 1868, and probated July 22, 1868 (See: Wic. Co. WBF No. 1, p. 11) he bequeathed to his

(1) Son, John Wesley Dennis.

(2) Daughter, Mary, wife of John W. Dennis of Johnson.

(3) Son, Jonathan Dennis.

(4) Son, Benjamin Dennis.

(5) Son, Minos Dennis.

(6) Son, Garrison Dennis.

(7) Son, Levi Dennis, "Henry's Last Choice."

(8) Daughter, Margaret Elizabeth.





(9) Levinia Emeline.

Edward H. Williams, Executor.

His Bible was inherited by John G. Brittingham, Salisbury, Md. and contained the following entries:

- (1) Julia J. Dennis, born Sept. 2, 1839.
- (2) Margaret E. Dennis, born July 17, 1842.
- (3) Levinia E. Dennis, born Sept. 11, 1845.
- (4) Ananias Dennis, born Sept. 2, 1797.
- (5) Elizabeth Hearn, born Nov. 2, 1801.
- (6) Wesley Dennis, born Feb. 26, 1821.
- (7) Mary Ann Dennis, born Feb. 9, 1825.
- (8) Daniel Dennis, born Aug. 31, 1827.
- (9) Benjamin Dennis, born Jan. 18, 1830.
- (10) James Minos Dennis, born July 19, 1832.
- (11) Garrison Dennis, born Jan. 25, 1837.
- (12) John G. Brittingham, born Mar. 22, 1872.

This list appears to be in the same hand writing and the entries may have been made by some person after his death. At any rate, Jonathan and Levi failed to make the Bible; Julia Jane and Daniel may have been dead before he made his will or he may have provided for them before his death.

Children of record in the order of the date of birth follow. His wife, Elizabeth Hearn was a sister of Renattus Hearn and they were married, Dec. 16, 1819.

- (1) John W. Dennis of A., born Feb. 26, 1821, married Elizabeth J. S. White, sister of Greensbury White (W), Sept. 17, 1844. From this union there were twelve children, ten of whom reached maturity.
  - a. Elizabeth Catherine Dennis married Joel Smack. \*\*\*
  - b. Marie Ann Dennis married E. W. Dennis, Jr. See: Post. E. W. Dennis of Henry.
  - c. Teagle Taylor Dennis (W) age 23 married Dora Estelle Hadder, age 18, Dec. 19, 1877. Married second, age 25, Molly Powell, age 22, Jan. 20, 1881. \*\*\*
  - d. Clayton Dennis age 25 married Elizabeth Jones (W) age 20 Jan. 9, 1878. \*\*\*
  - e. John W. S. Dennis (W), age 24 married Jennie Warren, age 19, daughter of Albert Warren, Jan. 18, 1879. This couple moved to, lived, and died in Virginia. \*\*\*
  - f. Reverdy J. Dennis (W) age 21 married Ella Phillips, age 18, Feb. 24, 1879.

Children:

- (a) G. P. R. Dennis, a dentist, for a period at Crisfield, Md. and later at Ocean City, Md. \*\*\*
- (b) Bessie Dennis married William Powell. \*\*\*
- (c) Savannah Dennis married Edward Carey. \*\*\*  
All of Ocean City, Md.
- g. Mary Dennis married Robert Dennis of John P. (W) and Mary Perdue. See Ante. John W. Dennis of Littleton. \*\*\*
- h. Margaret Dennis married Lemuel Rayne. \*\*\*  
Married 2nd. Henry Jackson. \*\*\*
- i. Stephen Dennis died unmarried. \*\*
- j. Sylvester Dennis married 1st a Gordy.  
2nd a Burbage. (Augusta ?)  
Two children died unmarried.





- (2) Mary Ann Dennis married John W. Dennis of Johnson of Henry. See ante.
- (3) Daniel Dennis died unmarried. \*\*
- (4) Benjamin Dennis of A. married Amelia J. Dennis of Littleton (W) Oct. 4, 1853. See ante: Littleton Dennis. He died in 1888 Will, Wicomico Co. Levi C. Dennis, Adm. Bonds made Feb. 16, 1888. The distribution account was filed Jan. 10, 1893. The proceeds of the estate were distributed to his
- a. Widow, Amelia Dennis who died in 1898 (Wic.). Will, Gertrude E. Dennis, Adm. Bonds Made May 31, 1898.
  - b. Daughter, Mary L. Hearn who married Charles Hearn. \*\*\*
  - c. Laura Jane Truitt. Wicomico Co. marriage records show that this daughter married William Duncan Massey, age 25, when she was age 24, Oct. 7, 1881. No children. She married, second. John Gillis Truitt, survived him and died at Willards, Md. Nov. 18, 1938, aged 83 years. No children. \*\*
  - d. Daughter, Joanna Dennis married a Mr. Regnault. No children. \*\*
  - e. Daughter, Gertie (Gertrude) administered her mother's estate in 1892. She probably died unmarried. \*\*
  - f. Son, Lorenzo W. Dennis. He died in 1934 and his son Wallace M. Dennis was Executor. Wicomico Co. Notes indicate that he married Gertrude Baker, but no list of his descendants is at hand. \*\*\*
  - g. Grant Dennis. Wicomico Co. marriage records indicate that he married Bettie Burbage -age (blank) Dec. 27, 1888 when he was 22 years old. No list of his descendants is at hand. \*\*\*
  - h. Son, Clarence Dennis. No record of his marriage is at hand. In 1938 he was living at Willards, Md.
  - i. Son, L. Conway Dennis. (Con). No record of his marriage is at hand.
- (5) James Minos Dennis. No record of his marriage is at hand. Among his children were:
- a. Emory Dennis \*\*\*
  - b. Irving Dennis \*\*\*
  - c. Minos Wesley Dennis \*\*\*
  - d. Margaret E. Dennis married 1st H. Johnson Lewis, Feb. 28, 1888. She was 19 years old. From this union there was at least one daughter who married a Mr. Brown. \*\*\*  
Married 2nd Stanley White. No issue. \*\*
- (6) Levi C. Dennis, age 30, married Levisa Littleton, age 22, Apr. 8, 1866 (W). See ante No. 12, under Henry Dennis; also his will. She was the daughter of Isaac Littleton and his second wife. She survived her husband and died c. a. 1910-21. No list of the children of Levi C. Dennis is at hand.
- (7) Jonathan Dennis. This son moved to Delaware. (W) Marriage records indicate his marriage to Maria C. Davis, Oct. 25, 1853. A daughter, Laura J. Dennis, age 17 married (Wic.) Elijah A. Hall, May 16, 1888. No list of his children is at hand. The following notes may belong here. (Wic.) Annie Dennis, age 17, married John C. Lecates, Jan. 8, 1890. If this does belong here, other children were:





- a. Sewell Dennis. b. 1872. d. Feb. 21, 1936. Unmarried. \*\*
  - b. Lawrence Dennis. \*\*\*
  - c. Emory Dennis. \*\*\*
  - (8) Garrettson Dennis. It is thought that he died unmarried. \*\*
  - (9) Julia Jane Dennis. She may have died before her father made his will. Only two entries of this name are at hand: The Bible of Ananias Dennis and (W) DB WET No. 1, p. 376, and also p. 439. Here Nov. 11, 1858, Lemuel James T. Dennis of Johnson and Julia Jane Dennis, conveyed land to Wm. Baker. No other entry concerning either of these Dennises is at hand. \*\*\*
  - (10) Margaret E. Dennis. She died unmarried, July 2, 1931. Aged 89 \*\*
  - (11) Lavinia E. Dennis married Daniel Brittingham son of William Brittingham and Hetty (Hester) Dennis of Henry. See: His will. Children:
    - a. John Garrison Brittingham, b. Mar. 22, 1872, d. Jan. 19, 1939, married Emma J. Parsons, June 16, 1897. Children:
      - (a) Albert Hylis Brittingham. \*\*\*
      - (b) Betty Slemons Brittingham. \*\*\*
    - b. Lenora Brittingha, d. Nov. 26, 1937. Married Ballard W. Waller. Children:
      - (a) Marion H. Waller. \*\*\*
      - (b) Daniel B. Waller. \*\*\*
      - (c) Clyde W. Waller. \*\*\*
    - c. Oscar Brittingham lives at Onley, Va. He has developed a bakery business. \*\*\*
    - d. Virgil P. Brittingham, d. Dec. 12, 1937. Married..... Children:
      - (a) Mrs. Calvin Willing \*\*\*
      - (b) Mrs. Edward Hitchens \*\*\*
      - (c) Warren B. Brittingham \*\*\*
    - e. Garland Brittingham died unmarried. \*\*
    - f. Reese Brittingham, died unmarried. \*\*
- 6A. Isaac Dennis of Henry. See: Order of Court for the sale of the estate of James Lewis, Sr. May Court 1814. His name appears between Ananias and Purnell I ? Dennis and likely born c. a. 1798. (W) Marriage records show that Isaac Dennis and Sally Timmons were married, Jan. 4, 1822 and that Isaac Dennis married Nancy Parsons, Feb. 21, 1823. If he had been living in 1833 when his father made his will, it is likely that he would have been mentioned. When Johnson Dennis of H. died, he left several creditors among whom was John W. Dennis of I. The notes at hand furnish no other Isaac Dennis of this generation and no other entry for him. Another search in the Administration and Distribution Accounts of Worcester Co. some information concerning his descendants, may appear.
7. Purnell I. Dennis was born c. a. 1800. He married Leah Adkins a sister of Barzilla Adkins who was reputed to have killed the last wild bear in Worcester Co. His will was pro. March 6, 1854. (W) TT No. 1, p. 99. The date the will was made has been incorrectly copied. It named his son Henry Johnson Dennis Executor. Witnesses were William Truitt, Thomas W. Littleton, and James M. Littleton; the first two were sureties for his brother Johnson Dennis. The distribution was made by





Henry Dennis, May 8, 1855 (W) GBG No. 4, p. 336. Bequests were made to his:

- (1) Daughters: Elizabeth Clar, wife of James Clark. \*\*\*
- (2) Rachel Eleanor Shockley, wife of Daniel Shockley. \*\*\*
- (3) Hetty Ann Dennis
- (4) Gatty Maria Dennis
- (5) Mary Margaret Dennis
- (6) Leah Jane Dennis. \*\*\* Perhaps m. John Sturgis,  
Nov. 15, '47.

Three Sons:

- (7) Henry Johnson Dennis. He married Sarah Truitt (W), Apr. 1, 1851 (Sally C. Truitt). He died before Feb. 4, 1853 and his wife was administrator with bonds by Lemuel S. Truitt and Edward M. Truitt. There were two children:
  - a. Charles Henry Dennis \*\*\*
  - b. Rowanna Johnson Dennis \*\*\*
- (8) William Hanson Dennis \*\*\*
- (9) John Asbury Dennis, who married Sally Martha Jarman, Dec. 5, 1866 and died in 1879 and the estate was settled by Littleton B. Bethards. 1879 \*\*\*

Records indicate that among the above:

- (3) Hetty Ann Dennis, married Daniel Adkins, Dec. 28, 1853 \*
- (4) Gatty Maria Dennis died unmarried and her estate was settled Jan. 14, 1913 (Wic. Co.) \*\*
- (5) Mary Margaret Dennis married Solomon M. Wilkerson, June 20, 1850. \*\*\*

Finally, he devised to his wife

Leah "Land of Promise" and "Littleton's Hard Fortune".

After the death of his first wife, Ann Lewis of James Lewis, Sr., Henry Dennis married Elizabeth. Tradition is that she was a widow whose family name was Purnell. Tradition is frequently misleading. (W) Marriage records indicate that Henry Dennis married Elizabeth Smack, Nov. 29, 1803. This is about the right date and it appears that there was no other Henry Dennis of record and of marriageable age at that date. His will, made Dec. 21, 1833, made no provision for his wife; this indicates that she died before that date. She bore him the following children:

- (8) John Dennis of Henry (Red Headed Jack) married Elizabeth Trader (Armitrader) (W) Aug. 22, 1833. Children, some of whom are buried in a cemetery about a half a mile north of Girdletree, Md.
  - a. Charlotte E. B. Dennis, married Benjamin Gordy (W), Nov. 29, 1853.

Children:

- (a) John H. Gordy, who lived many years at Mapps ville, Va. and later near Beaver Dam, Md. From this union there was:
  - \*\* Mary Gordy who married Emmet G. Taylor, Sr. of Jos. W. Taylor and Betsy Ann Corbin of Littleton Dennis Corbin and May Hinman. See: post. Shadrack Dennis of John and also, "Descendants of Dr. George Corbin" by Lynn Perry. m. Nov. 20, 1920.

Children:

- a\*\* Emmet Garner Taylor Jr., married Jane Turner, Apr. 8, 1944.

Children:

- a\*\*\* Suzanne Taylor b. May 18, 1947.
- b\*\*\* William Maxwell Taylor b. June 14, 1951





- c\*\*\* Thomas Wharton Taylor b. Sept. 23, 1953.
  - b\*\* Betsy Ann Taylor m. James David Barnes, Nov. 15, 1950.
  - Children:
    - a\*\*\* Emmett Daniel Barnes b. Aug. 23, 1955.
    - b\*\*\* Dennis Martin Barnes b. Nov. 15, 1956.
    - c\*\*\* Mary Frances Barnes b. Apr. 19, 1959.
  - (b) Estelle Gordy married Elijah Figgs. \*\*\*
  - (c) Al. Gordy \*
  - (d) Georganna Gordy died unmarried. \*\*
  - (e) Nathan Gordy m. 1st..... and lived some years at Temperanceville, Va.
  - Children:
    - a\* Vesta Gordy married Charles Showard and lives at Chingoteague, Va. Children: At least one boy who is a musician. \*\*\*
    - b\* Miriam Gordy.....
    - Married 2nd..... no issue.
    - (f) A boy who died young. \*\*
  - b. Rufus G. Dennis was born c. a. 1837. For a period he was engaged in the mercantile and lumber business at Girdletree, Md. and later drifted south into Virginia. He married first, Annie Selby.
  - Children:
    - (a) J. Clayton Dennis married ..... Scott, daughter of Colonel Scott, Eastville, Va. No children. \*\*
    - (b) William Z. Dennis married ..... of Suffolk or Chuckatuck, Va. and lived in that vicinity. They had one or two girls. \*\*\*
    - (c) Annie L. Dennis married in Suffolk, Va. and died without issue. \*\*
    - (d) Ella Dennis married Dr. Fred Floyd of Bridgetown and Bird's Nest, Va. One son, a physician, married and living in Norfolk, Va. and has a family. \*\*\*
    - (e) Rufus G. Dennis, Jr. died unmarried. \*\*
    - (f) Lillie Dennis married Kenneth McLeod. He was an employee of the Farmers Bank of Nancemond, Suffolk, Va. and a soldier in the Spanish - American war; Quartermaster Sergeant of Co. F, 4th Virginia Regiment. One child:
      - (i) Selby McLeod born c. a. 1899. Married, has a family, and lives in Norfolk, Va. \*\*\*
    - (g) Clyde Dennis, born in 1883, married Elizabeth..... a Suffolk girl, in Elizabeth City, N. C. They lived in Suffolk, Va. No issue. \*\*
    - (h) and (i) Two children died in infancy. \*\*
- After the death of his first wife, Rufus Garrison Dennis married Annie Bell of Northampton Co., Va. c. a. 1884. He was active in the lumber business and moved further south, into North Carolina, and even to Florida, but he lived in Suffolk, Va. the last twenty five years of his life. For a period he used "Oak Grove" near Eastville, Va. for a summer home. Later, some of his older children lived at Machipongo, Va. where the boys were in the mercantile business. He died c. a. 1910 in Suffolk, Va. and was buried at Girdletree, Md. Children by his second wife:
- (j) Lynn (or Linwood) died in infancy. \*\*
  - (k) Samuel Linwood Dennis married .....





of Suffolk, Va. He was a building contractor and developer. For a period, he was a commissioned officer in the Va. National Guard. Issue:

Two girls, both married and have families.\*\*\*

He lived in Raleigh, N. C. at the time of his death.

- (l) and (m) Twins born in Gates Co., N. C. died in infancy. \*\*
- (n) Christine Dennis married Dr. A. C. Coogler, Brooksville, Florida and has a family.\*\*\*
- (o) Tom Dill Dennis, Raleigh, N. C. unmarried.\*\*\*
- (p) Melvin Dennis was Agent for the Norfolk-Southern Railroad Co., New Bern, N. C. Retired and unmarried; lives in Raleigh, N. C.
- (q) Catherine T. Dennis was graduated from Wm. and Mary College and Ph. D. from the University of North Carolina. She has served many years as State Superintendent of Education of North Carolina. Lives in Raleigh, N. C. Unmarried.\*\*
- (r) Annabel Dennis was graduated from William and Mary College. Lives in Raleigh, N. C. Unmarried.\*\*\*

9. Ephraim Wilson Dennis was born Sept. 30, 1810 and died Feb. 13, 1880. He married first Mary Ann Lewis, daughter of Robert and Nancy Lewis, March 20, 1836. She was born Mar. 26, 1817 and died July 27, 1863. Speculation on the reason for this name has been fruitless. Ephraim Wilson was the son of the Rev. Thomas Wilson the first pastor of the Manokin Presbyterian Church, 1685/6. OS pp. 226-32. He was born in Ireland, Dec. 2, 1664 and died in Jan. 1733. OS p. 468. He was High Sheriff in 1694 OS p. 393. Any association of even a descendant is not clear. Perhaps Henry Dennis' wife had a share in naming the children. A further search of the female lines might disclose a connection.

E. W. Dennis was a large land owner. He made an effort to provide land for each of his children as his ancestors had done. Among his holding was "Kingston" in Somerset Co., Md. which he bought for his oldest son. This property had been purchased by John W. Dennis at a Sheriff's sale of the effects of former Governor Thomas King Carroll. His Bible, from which the dates herein have been copied is in the hands of the writer. He was buried on the old Henry Dennis place, about two miles south of Willards, Md., on which he and his children were born.

Children:

- (l) Daniel James Henry Dennis was born Apr. 17, 1837 and died May 4, 1903. On Dec. 17, 1857 he married Mary Eleanor Farlow, daughter of Benjamin Farlow and Mary Holloway of Joshua Holloway, Jr., At least two of her great grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. She was born Oct. 2, 1840 and died Oct. 8, 1933. He dropped the James and was known as D. H. Dennis. He lived at "Kingston" from 1857 to 1870 when he sold "Kingston" to Peter Piper and moved to Temperanceville, Va. via Pittsville, Md. where his youngest daughter was born. He was interested in the lumber industry but was close to the land and died on his farm. He was buried in Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury, Md. All of his children that reached maturity were born at "Kingston."

Children:

- a. One died in infancy. \*\*
- b. Rose May Dennis, born July 28, 1860, died Feb. 20,





1942, married Vandalia Perry, Jan. 12, 1881. He was President of the Peoples National Bank (now the County Trust Co., of Maryland) for twenty years. Lived at Salisbury, Md.

Children:

(a) Lynn Perry born Feb. 27, 1884, married Margaret L. Tice, daughter of Warren E. and Harriet Amanda (Corbin) Tice, born Mar. 31, 1883, July 8, 1918. See, post: Margaret Dennis of John of Thomas. 1924 Ferdinand St., Coral Gables, Fla. No issue.

(b) Frank Adams Perry born Jan. 26, 1888 married Mary McGeorge daughter of Thomas C. and Molly (Martin) McGeorge of King William Co., Va., Nov. 25, 1914. Engaged in the oil business at West Point, Va.

Children: All of West Point, Va.

i Lynn Dennis Perry born Aug. 30, 1915 married Mrs. Velma (Cannon) Green, widow of Benjamin Green of Blowing Rock, N. C., Oct. 25, 1945. One child: Charles Adams Perry born Nov. 22, 1948.

ii Mary Adams Perry, born Feb. 9, 1917. In the service of the United States.

iii Henry Vandalia (Dal) Perry born June 19, 1922 married Jacquelin Ritchie (b. Mar. 17, 1925) March 5, 1949. No issue.

All of West Point, Va. See: "A Branch of the Perry Family Tree" by Lynn Perry.

c. Minnie Virginia Dennis, b. Sept. 2, 1862, d. Apr. 26, 1934 and Joseph Heston Jones, b. Oct. 3, 1860, d. May 22, 1934, son of Henry C. and Ann C. Jones, were married June 25, 1884 (A). They lived at Temperanceville, Va.

Children:

(a) Minnie Lucille Jones born Aug. 28, 1886, married Howard Littleton Nock of William L. Nock of Temperanceville, Va. June 25, 1907.

Children:

i Eloise Carolyn Nock b. Mar. 14, 1909. Unmarried.

ii Preston Littleton Nock b. April 30, 1909 (?) married Mary Melvin of Pocomoke City, Md. Nov. 21, 1936.

Children:

j Mary Preston Nock b. June 7, 1940, d. July 22, 1940.

jj William Joseph Nock b. Dec. 10, 1946.

iii Mildred Elizabeth Nock b. Feb. 23, 1913 married 1st Howard Hilton McKay, June 15, 1935. He died Oct. 14, 1941. No issue. She m. 2nd. . . . . No issue.

(b) Joseph Preston Jones b. June 18, 1888, d. Jan. 27, 1904 at Williamsburg, Va. a student at William & Mary College.





- (c) Henry Dennis (Harry) Jones b. Apr. 17, 1890  
married Ida M. Paritz of Allentown, Pa. Oct. 11,  
1914. One child:  
i Mildred Virginia Jones b. Dec. 30, 1916,  
married William Anthony McDowell, Dec. 28, 1946.  
Issue. \*
- (d) Madeline Jones b. Nov. 26, 1896, m. Frederick A.  
Ryan, Dec. 27, 1941. No issue.
- (e) A daughter b. and d. Aug. 29, 1901.
- (f) Miriam Virginia Jones b. June 29, 1903 married  
1st Roy Lee Bundick, Mar. 19, 1927. No issue.  
Married 2nd Alexes E. Boericke of Philadelphia, Pa.  
Oct. 1, 1935. One child:  
Ellen Hutchinson Boericke b. Aug. 18, 1940.
- d. Annie Laurie Dennis b. July 11, 1864, d. in Baltimore,  
Md. Jan. 8, 1947, married (A) Winfield Kiger Allee b.  
Aug. 29, 1861 at Smyrna, Del. d. Jan. 29, 1950 at Rising  
Sun, Md., on June 1, 1887. He was a son of Jacob  
Raymond Allee b. Jan. 1, 1827 at Smyrna, Del. d. Oct.  
8, 1916, at Rising Sun, Md. and Sarah R. Alle (nee Dick)  
b. Nov. 12, 1836, d. Nov. 15, 1881.

She was graduated from Southern Female Seminary, Bowling Green,  
Va. and later from Miller's School, New York City. For many years,  
until about 1930, she was Postmaster at Temperanceville, Va. while  
she was living with her mother.

Children:

- (a) Lois Allee, b. July 30, 1888 in Caroline Co., Md. d. Dec. 6,  
1952 at Parsons, W. Va. m. (A) Charles A. Grapes at  
Temperanceville, Va. June 6, 1911. He was b. 1880 near  
Winchester, Va., and d. Aug. 26, 1933 and buried, also at  
Parsons, W. Va.

Children:

- a\* Naomi Christine Grapes, b. July 4, 1912 at Fairmount,  
W. Va. was graduated from the Ohio Valley College of  
Business in Parkersburg, W. Va. in 1932 m. Delbert  
Carlton Phillips (b. Sept. 23, 1905 near Thomas, W. Va.)  
on Apr. 28, 1934 at Oakland, Md. He was graduated at  
Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va. in 1931.

She is a member of the Blackwater Chapter, Daughters of the Amer-  
ican Revolution, Davis, W. Va. No. 330304 and also a member of the O.E.S.

Children:

- a\* Dennis Allee Phillips, b. Feb. 16, 1937, M. S. Marshall  
University, Huntington, W. Va. 1961, now (1963) a graduate  
student at Johns Hopkins University.
- b\* Dorothy Almeda Grapes, b. June 18, 1914 at Fairmount, W. Va.  
was graduated from Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va. in  
1937 and married William Wright Talbott at Ashland, Ky. Aug. 20,  
1940. Both have an M. A. from the University of Colorado, 1940.  
Res. Berkeley Springs, W. Va. She is a member of the O.E.S.
- c\* Charles Raymond Grapes, b. May 17, 1918, Ph. G. Univ. of W.  
Va. m. Norma Tallman at Fairmont, W. Va. in the summer of  
1946, Veteran. Manager of Walgreen's Drug Store, Wheeling, W.  
Va.





Children:

- a\*\* Linda Sharon Grapes, b. Mar. 19, 1947
- b\*\* Charles Raymond Grapes, Jr. b. Dec. 4, 1952
- d\* Robert William Grapes, b. Aug. 15, 1920 was graduated from Glenville State Teachers College, Glenville, W. Va. m. Betty Campbell also a graduate of the Glenville State Teachers College. He is an M. A. Univ. of W. Va. Veteran. 323 Cambridge Ave., Elyria, Ohio.

Children:

- a\*\* Lois Ann Grapes and
- b\*\* William Russell Grapes.  
Twins. b. Aug. 5, 1952
- c\*\* Sue Ellen Grapes, b. Oct. 1956
- d\*\* Patti Lynn Grapes, b. Oct. 1958
- (b) Raymond Allee, b. Sept. 27, 1890 at Temperanceville, Va. moved to Arizona in 1911, admitted to the Bar in Arizona in 1917 and California in 1926. Hayes and Allee, Attorneys-at-law, Phoenix, Arizona. He married Lola Margaret Stroud, b. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mar. 31, 1888 on Oct. 27, 1914.  
One daughter:
  - i Margaret Allee, b. Jan. 8, 1916 at Phoenix, Arizona. Attended Phoenix Junior College 1934-36 and Stanford University 1936-38., d. Nov. 26, 1955. Member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- e. Moses Franklin Dennis, b. Aug. 8, 1866, d. May 9, 1928 m. Dr. Caroline A. Herring of New York City who d. Nov. 25, 1940. The marriage was in New York City Feb. 22, 1893. They were buried in the Herring lot in Brooklyn. No children. One adopted boy, George F. Dennis, m. a Miss Bender whose father was either Secretary or Treasurer of the New York Central Railroad. Villa Nova, Pa.
- f. Lillie Dennis b. June 2, 1870. d. 1876.\*\*
- g. One child died in infancy.

- (2) William Handy Dennis b. May 9, 1838, d. July 28, 1901, married Mary Ann Elizabeth Holloway, b. Sept. 28, 1841, d. Oct. 29, 1898, Jan. 25, 1860. She was a daughter of Elisha Holloway and Sally McGee. The list of ten children and their descendants has been published in "Fooks Family" by Herbert C. Fooks, p. 162 and 172. Repetition here is unnecessary.
- (3) Ebenezer Dennis b. Jan. 30, 1840 married Nancy Farlow of Benjamin Farlow and Mary Holloway of Joshua. He was a business man in Pittsville, Md. E. Dennis & Co.

Children:

- a, Fred Dennis
- b. Joshua Henry Mordecai Dennis (known as Harry Dennis) b. (W) Apr. 2, 1866 m. Clara Buckner of Norfolk, Va. Her father, Major Buckner, an ex-Confederate, was Superintendent of the Chesapeake & Albemarle Canal. She d. in Pine Bluff, Ark. Nov. 16, 1936. Harry Dennis was in the shoe business in Salisbury, Md. and Treasurer of Wicomico Co.

Children:

- (a) Mary Dennis b. ca 1895 married Richard Jones of Pine Bluff, Akr. Issue.\*
- (b) Harry Buckner Dennis married Virginia Triplett of Pine Bluff, Akr. One daughter:





i Nancy Triplett Dennis b. Nov. 1934.

(c) Nancy Dennis was a teacher in the Wicomico Co. schools and died unmarried. \*\*

Harry Dennis died in Mathews Co., Va. Both he and his wife were buried in Parsons Cemetary, Salisbury, Md.

c. Stella Dennis died in Philadelphia, Pa. and was buried at Pittsville, Md. \*

d. Reese Dennis lived at Pittsville, Md. \*

(4) Robert Sampson Dennis b. Sept. 5, 1841 went to Missouri as a young man. During the War between the States he served with Gen. Sterling Price and was hurt or wounded. He returned to Worcester Co. and married Indiana Maser, daughter of Bennett Mason. See: Post. E. W. Dennis's second wife and her remarriage.

Children:

- a. Billie Dennis m. . . . . Short. \*
- b. Edith Dennis \*
- c. Annie Dennis \*

The estate of Indiana Dennis was settled by Francis Dryden (W) 1886.

(5) George Washington Dennis b. May 11, 1842, m. Laura Ann Wimbrow (W) Dec. 20, 1865. She was b. June 14, 1845, d. July 1, 1913. They and some of their children were buried in Parsons Cemetary, Salisbury, Md.

Children:

- a. David Peter Dennis, b. 1871, d. 1934. Unmarried. \*\*
- b. Oscar B. Dennis. Issue. \*
- c. James Dennis
- d. Asbury Dennis married in Norfolk, Va.  
He was mayor of South Norfolk. \*\*
- e. Mrs. Willard P. Hearn. Issue. \*
- f. Mrs. Herbert Loew. Issue. \*

(6) Laura Ann Catherine Dennis b. Apr. 3, 1845, m. Dr. James Custis Littleton (M.D. Univ. of Maryland, 1883) He was a school teacher and physician at Pittsville, Md., practiced medicine in Baltimore, and was for many years Grand Chief of Records of the Improved Order of Red Men of Maryland. She lived only about a year and he was married to Stella A. Richardson, Sept. 29, 1873. (Wic). No children. \*\*

(7) Rebecah Emeline Turner Dennis, b. Feb. 7, 1847, m. William A. Dennis of James of Henry. See: Post: James Dennis of Henry.

(8) Nancy Elizabeth Dennis, b. July 31, 1848 m. . . . . Parsons. \*

(9) Ephraim Wilson Dennis Jr. b. June 15, 1850, m. Maria A. Dennis, Dec. 20, 1871 (Wic. Co. Marriage Records). She was Maria of John W. of Ananias.

Children:

- a. Raymond Dennis \*
- b. Daughter . . . . . m . . . . . Ralph \*
- c. Daughter . . . . . m . . . . . Gordy \*

(10) Sewel Byrd Dennis, b. May 4, 1852, d. at Parksley, Va. Jan. 30, 1924. He m. Lila L. Pruitt, daughter of W. H. Pruitt, Sr., and Henrietta Feddiman of Temperanceville, Va. She was b. Sept. 29, 1861, d. Feb. 6, 1888.

One son:

Raymond King Dennis b. c. a. 1884, living at Riviera Beach, Fla. m. 1st. . . . . Harris. One daughter. \*  
2nd . . . . . ? . . . . . No issue.





- (11) John Asbury Dennis, b. Apr. 20, 1854, d. Mar. 5, 1931, m. Elizabeth Farlow of James Handy Farlow and Sarah A. Farlow. She was b. Aug. 7, 1857, d. Apr. 3, 1929. They were m. Jan. 2, 1875.  
Children:
- a. Larry Edward Dennis, b. June 20, 1876, d. July 12, 1894.  
Unmarried. \*\*
  - b. Lura Alice Dennis, b. July 5, 1878, living in 1958. m. Roy D. Gordy, b. Jan. 7, 1882, son of George W. and Sarah Catherine Gordy, Mar. 2, 1904.  
Children:
    - (a) Walter Dennis Gordy, b. Apr. 14, 1905 m. Ella Cottingham, Dec. 15, 1928.  
Children:
      - a\* Lura Gordy, b. Aug. 16, 1929
      - b\* Richard Gordym b. Apr. 28, 1932
      - c\* Paul Gordy, b. Aug. 23, 1933
      - d\* Louise Gordy, b. June 26, 1940
      - e\* Mary Frances Gordy, b. Feb. 3, 1942
    - (b) Percy Duncan Gordy, b. Jan. 8, 1907, m. Selma Frank, Dec. 2, 1928.  
Children:
      - a\* Dorothy Jean Gordy, b. Nov. 28, 1929
      - b\* Roy Howard Gordy, b. Mar. 27, 1932
    - (c) John Woodrow Gordy, b. Nov. 6, 1912, m. Alice Virginia Hudson, June 2, 1933.  
Children:
      - a\* John W. Gordy, Jr., b. Feb. 28, 1935
      - b\* Thomas D. Gordy, b. Feb. 28, 1935 (twin.)
      - c\* Robert C. Gordy, b. Jan. 22, 1936, d. Dec. 8, 1940
      - d\* Charles H. Gordy, b. May 14, 1938
      - e\* William L. Gordy, b. Sept. 6, 1945
  - c. Ernest James Dennis, b. Apr. 10, 1881, m. Olive Lewis, dau. of William H. and Arenthis Lewis, Parksley, Va. Nov. 25, 1908  
Children:
    - (a) Ernest Lewis Dennis, b. Apr. 30, 1910, m. Ruth E. Parks, Nov. 11, 1936.  
Children:
      - a\* John Lewis Dennis
  - d. Lee F. Dennis, b. Sept. 3, 1885 m. Maude K. Howard, dau. of William T. and Mary J. Howard, May 13, 1908.  
Children:
    - (a) Howard Lee Dennis, b. July 18, 1909, m. Helen Browne, Nov. 25, 1929.\*
    - (b) Mary E. Dennis, b. Feb. 24, 1911, m. Edward Peoples Jan. 14, 1931. \*
    - (c) John A. Dennis, b. Jan. 14, 1918, m. Pauline Sparrow, Apr. 10, 1937.\*
  - e. Elizabeth Casey Dennis, b. Feb. 28, 1897, m. Paul G. Wimbrow, son of Robert Stansborough and Martha Godfrey Wimbrow, Sept. 27, 1916. He was b. Sept. 5, 1893.  
Children:
    - (a) Martha Elizabeth Wimbrow, b. Apr. 8, 1917, m. Everett Thomas Shockley Apr. 2, 1938. He was b. Feb. 25, 1916.



Children:

a\* Everett Richard Shockley, b. May 4, 1940

b\* Robert Wimbrow Shockley, b. Jan. 1, 1943.

- (b) Jean Marie Wimbrow, b. Feb. 29, 1920, m. Gordon Thomas Lewis, Sept. 27, 1938. He was b. 1916.

Children:

a\* Thomas Godfrey Lewis, b. May 2, 1939

b\* Sandra Jean Lewis, b. Mar. 30, 1945

- (c) John Paul Wimbrow, b. July 7, 1922, m. Mary E. Bounds, Sept. 11, 1948. She was b. Nov. 5, 1929

Children:

a\* James Richard Wimbrow, b. Sept. 21, 1949

b. Lois Ann Wimbrow, b. July 30, 1950

- (d) Mary Alice Wimbrow, b. July 26, 1934 m Edward Howard Puls, June 19, 1948.\*

- (12) Mary Hester Dennis, b. Nov. 25, 1856.

No other entry. \*

- (13) Olivia Ellen Dennis, b. July 10, 1858, m. William Levi Jarman, Mar. 17, 1875. She died in Salisbury, Md. of tuberculosis c.a. 1897 leaving several children. \*

After the death of Mary Ann Dennis, nee Lewis, E.W. Dennis married Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parsons, Aug. 3, 1864. She was a widow whose maiden name was Davis and who lived with her mother between Pocomoke City and Snow Hill. By her first husband, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parsons had three children:

John Franklin Parsons

Isaac Caleb Parsons, and

Mary Eleanor Parsons

Children of E.W. Dennis and his second wife:

- (14) Charlie Bowen Dennis, b. May 3, 1865. He was married and had at least one daughter. During the latter years of his life, he lived in Harrisburg, Pa.

- (15) Andrew Johnson Dennis, b. Oct. 16, 1866. He went to Philadelphia, a young man, and was engaged in the commission business all of his life. His two half brothers lived in Philadelphia, also. He died Nov. 18, 1936. He was twice married, first to Margaret . . . . . and after her death, to Florence B. . . . .

These wives were in some way connected, through business of their father, with Ben Shibe and the ownership of the Philadelphia Athletics. No Children.

After the death of E. W. Dennis, Feb. 13, 1880, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Dennis m. Bennett Mason, left the farm and moved to Pocomoke City where these two boys spent their youth and early manhood. Bennett Mason was a widower with one daughter, Indiana Mason, who had married Robert S. Dennis. See, ante. (4).

10. James Dennis of Henry married Julia A. Dennis of Littleton, July 9, 1839 (W). He was born after 1810 and died before Jan. 23, 1866 when Levin Dennis, his brother, became his administrator with Julia A. Dennis, his widow, and Daniel W. Dennis, son of Levin, sureties. He signed his name, James P. Dennis. What his middle name was is not clear.

See: Wic. Co. Wills. Aug. 27, 1889, William A. Dennis, his son became administrator for Denard J. Dennis, another son, and distribution was made to his:





Mother: Julia A. Dennis  
Brother: John H. Dennis  
William A. Dennis, and  
Sister: Willie Purnell

Willie Purnell was not his sister. He was his nephew, son of his sister, Mary Elizabeth Dennis, who married James F. Purnell, age 23, Feb. 27, 1872 (Wic. Co.) She was then aged 24.

On Feb. 2, 1892 (also Wic. Co.) William A. Dennis made bond and on Jan. 24, 1893, filed his distribution of the Estate of Julia A. Dennis to her

Son: John H. Dennis  
" William A. Dennis, and her

Grandson: William Purnell Dennis

Whether the last item is an error in copying or that Willie Purnell added Dennis to his name after the decease of his parents, is unknown.

So the children of James Dennis were:

- (1) Denard J. Dennis. Died unmarried. \*\*
- (2) Mary Elizabeth Dennis, m. James F. Purnell, Feb. 27, 1872.  
One Child:  
a. William Purnell (Dennis). \*
- (3) John H. Dennis \*
- (4) William A. Dennis, married his cousin, Rebecca Emeline Turner Dennis of E. W. Dennis, Apr. 17, 1867 (W). He was 22 and she was 20. She was b. Feb. 7, 1847. He was a community leader and at one time, tax collector. He lived on a part of "Buck Ridge" a Dennis property from colonial years.

Children:

- a. Humphrey Dennis. Died unmarried. \*\*
- b. Handy Dennis, married Molly Richardson. '

Children:

- (a) William Dennis \*
- (b) Lillian Dennis m. . . . . Parker. \*
- (c) Charles Dennis \*
- (d) John Dennis \*

- c. Daniel Dennis, m. Stella Carey \*
- d. Richie Dennis \*
- e. Lloyd Dennis \*
- f. Cora Dennis, m. Arley Campbell \*
- g. Ella Dennis m. Herman White \*

11. Levin D. Dennis, the youngest son of Henry, m. Harriet Bethards, Feb. 16, 1841. See (W). He made bonds for the settlement of the estate of his brother James P. Dennis, Jan. 23, 1866 with Julia A. Dennis and Daniel W. Dennis as sureties. Then the estate of Levin D. Dennis was settled by Rufus G. Dennis and Daniel W. Dennis and bonds were made Oct. 9, 1866. On the same day, Oct. 9, 1866, they made bonds for the settlement of the estate of James P. Dennis. So, it appears that Levin D. Dennis died between Jan. 23, and Oct. 9, 1866. Notes on the distribution have been misplaced. From other notes, I get the following:

Children:

- (1) Daniel W. Dennis. Adm. to Levin H. Dennis in 1884.  
This may have been his brother. He was security in the settlement of the estate of James of Henry in 1866 and also that of his father in 1866. No record of any descendants. \*





- (2) Washington R. Dennis, aged 28, married Rosanna Caroline Davis, aged 17, Dec. 20, 1871 (W). \*
- (3) Allison S. Dennis, aged 25, married Rosa Littleton, aged 20, Mar. 11, 1872. (Wic. Co). She was a half sister to Dr. J. C. Littleton.

Children:

- a. Stella Dennis m. Randolph Powell. He was an engineer on the N.Y.P. & N.R. R. and they lived at Delmar, Del. She was the first descendant of Henry Dennis to join the Daughters of the American Revolution on his record. No children. \*\*
- b. Annie Dennis m. Henry Rounds. \*
- c. Bertha Dennis m. Edgar L. Dennis of Marcellus. See, post: Descendants of Valentine Dennis.
- d. Benjamin Dennis m. . . . . Davis, dau. of Ebenezer G. Davis. \*
- e. Ernest Dennis \*
- f. Clarence Dennis \*
- g. Murray Dennis \*
- (4) Rufus D. (or D. M.) Dennis, aged 23, m. Gatty E. Parker, aged 21, Sept. 21, 1872. (Wic. Co.) \*
- (5) Mary E. Dennis, aged 18 m. Joshua P. Johnson, aged 23, Oct. 10, 1878. (Wic. Co). \*
- (6) Sewell Dennis \*
- (7) Sanford Dennis \*
- (8) Henry W. Dennis \*
- (9) William H. Dennis \*
12. Polly (Mary) Dennis married Isaac Littleton. Some of this data comes directly from Dr. James C. Littleton, a nephew of Isaac Littleton and who married Laura Ann Catherine Dennis of E. W. Dennis. See, ante.
  - (1) Ara S. Littleton m. . . . . and lived on his farm near Newark, Md. \*
  - (2) Albert Littleton married Nancy Dennis of Henry of Henry. See, ante. Also (W) Liber TT8, p. 378. There were two children who died in infancy and Albert Littleton died soon after. There were no descendants from this union. \*\*
  - (3) John H. Littleton married a daughter of William Wimbrow. \*
  - (4) Sampson Littleton was a Confederate soldier, captured, and died a prisoner at Fort McHenry, Md. Unmarried \*\*
  - (5) Eliza Littleton married Joseph Smith, Nov. 9, 1847 (W) \*

After the death of Polly Dennis, Isaac Littleton married second time. Worcester Co. marriage records indicate that Isaac Littleton married Dolly Smith, May 19, 1830. The will of Henry Dennis was made in 1833 and the bequeath was distinctively stated "Polly Littleton, wife of Isaac Littleton." So this marriage record would hardly apply to this Isaac Littleton. This marriage produced three children:

- (6) James Littleton who went south with the Jacksons and Whaleys. He died near Whaleyville, Va. \*
- (7) Molly Littleton died of typhoid fever early in life. \*\*
- (8) Levica Littleton married Levi C. Dennis, Apr. 8, 1866. (W). See, ante: Levi C. Dennis, of Ananias. No list of their children is at hand. \*



13. Hetty Dennis, married William Brittingham.

Children:

(1) John Brittingham married Lizzie Wise. They lived most of their life at Wachapreague, Va.

Children:

a. Granville Wise Brittingham, married Edna Thomas. He was a Spanish-American war veteran. He died Sept. 26, 1940 at Onley, Va. where he had spent some of his productive years. He was 68 years old and was buried at Wachapreague, Va. No children. \*\*

b. A. Maud Brittingham married George W. Davis. They made their home in Baltimore, Md.

c. John R. Brittingham married Valentine Reed of Reed's Wharf, Va. They lived at Wachapreague, Va. for many years and after retirement at Harborton, Va.

Children:

(a) Agnes Brittingham married Henry R. Willard and had issue. She is a teacher at the Parksley, Va. High School. \*

(b) John Brittingham married and had issue. \*

d. William James Brittingham is married and lives at St. Petersburg, Fla.

e. Daisey Brittingham married W. H. Whealton and lives at Chincoteague, Va.

(2) Ephraim Brittingham m. 1st. . . . .

Children:

a. Levin Brittingham \*

b. Elijah Brittingham \*

c. Edward Brittingham \*

d. Ridgway Brittingham \*

After the death of his first wife he married Kate. . . . .

Children:

e. Gertrude Brittingham \*

f. Mary Brittingham \*

(3) Daniel Brittingham married his cousin Lavinia Dennis of Ananias. See, ante: 6. Ananias Dennis, (11).

(4) Handy Brittingham died young. He choked to death while eating a sweet potato. \*\*

(5) Charlotte Brittingham married Minos Parker.

Children:

a. James Parker \*

b. George Parker. A George Parker who was a conductor on the B. C. & A. R. R. married Amanda E. Farlow, widow of George T. Truill. This may have been he. In that case there was no issue. \*

c. Fred Parker. \*

d. Daughter. . . . . m. Clate Parsons. \*

(6) Mary Brittingham married Joshua Parsons.

Children:

a. Byrd Parsons \*

b. Clayton Parsons who married his cousin, a daughter of Minos Parker. See immediately above. \*

c. Raymond Parsons. \*





- (7) Martha Jane Brittingham married Lemuel Burton Duncan.  
She died Jan. 9, 1939 aged 84.

Children:

- a. Gertrude Duncan, m. . . . .  
(a) One daughter survived and did live with her grandmother near Willards, Md.  
b. Addie Duncan married Noah Rayne and lived at Willards, Md. She was postmistress for a period.

Children:

- (a) Agnes Rayne \*  
(b) Gloria Rayne \*

- c. Lillian Duncan married Captain William I. Purnell, keeper of the Ocean City Life Saving Station as his second wife. He died Nov. 29, 1937, aged 65. She may have returned to Willards, Md. after his death. No children. \*\*

14. Ann M. Dennis married William Lewis, son of Robert and Nancy Lewis and brother to Mary Ann Lewis married E. W. Dennis. (W) marriage records indicate the date of this marriage as Nov. 29, 1836. No record of their children is at hand. \*  
Perhaps she did not live very long. (W) marriage records indicate that William Lewis married Mary J. Richardson, June 5, 1847.

15. Nancy F. Dennis married Rufus K. Trader, Jan. 29, 1845 (W) by whom she had two children:

(1) Sewel Trader. No other entry. Perhaps he went west. \*

(2) Janie Trader married Burton Gordy who lived on his farm near Delmar. Dr. J. C. Littleton said that Burton Gordy became guardian for these two Trader children. Clayton Parker was related to them and it is felt that Elisha Parker might have been their guardian after the widow remarried.

Children of Janie Trader and Burton Gordy:

- a. Lemuel Gordy married Mary Smith \*  
b. John H. Gordy, married Sally Fooks. \*  
c. Augustus Gordy married William L. Sirman.

Children:

- (a) Claude Sirman  
(b) Another son  
(c) May Sirman married Raymond K. Truitt  
See, post: James T. Truitt.

- d. Etta Gordy married Joseph W. Hastings. \*

A few years after the death of Rufus K. Trader, Nancy F. (Dennis) Trader married Minos Truitt. It may have been his second marriage. See, (W) Minos Truitt married Elizabeth Twilley, Feb. 17, 1845. For another intermarriage between the Truitt and Dennis family; See, ante: 5 Hester Esther Truitt was the second wife of Henry Dennis of Henry. Both Dr. J. C. Littleton and Arthur Trader said that John Gillis Truitt was a child of this union. John Gillis Truitt married the widow of William Duncan Massey who was born Laura Jane Dennis of Benjamin of A. See, ante 6. (4) c. As there was no issue this detail is of little genealogical interest. The living descendants of Nancy Dennis are firm in their statement that Minos Truitt left two children, only.





- (3) Rufus King Truitt married Mary Stanford. The other two Stanford girls married Capt. Thomas W. H. White and Peter Malone.

Children:

- a. George W. Truitt m. Ellen Dorsey Wolf \*
- b. James T. Truitt m. Henrietta Griffin. He was Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wicomico Co., Md. for many years.

Children:

- (a) Gordon Truitt. Unmarried. \*\*
- (b) Raymond King Truitt married May Sirman \*\* daughter of Wm. L. Sirman. See: Janie Trader above.

Children:

- i. James T. Truitt \*
- ii. Raymond King Truitt \*
- iii. Robert E. Truitt \*

After the death of his first wife, Rufus King Truitt married miss . . . . . Wroton who died without issue. He then married (3rd) Mrs. Sallie Martin of Georgetown, Del. Children:

- c. Dr. Charles R. Truitt married Amelia Collins daughter of Quinton Collins of Norfolk, Va.

Children:

- (a) Dorothy Truitt married Dr. Frank R. Smith of Baltimore, Md.

Children:

- i. Robert Smith \*
- ii. Truitt Smith \*

- (b) Mildred Truitt \*

- (c) Eileen Truitt married Gray Bourke Wright \* Nov. 18, 1939.

- (4) Minos Truitt m . . . . .

Children:

- (a) William C. Truitt married Laura Alice Parker who died Aug. 15, 1932, aged 79. He was Conductor on the N.Y.P. & N.R.R. many years. His wife was the daughter of Schoolfield and Matilda Leonard Parker.

Children:

- (a) Charles H. Truitt, formerly Sheriff of Wicomico Co., Md. married Laura Helen Lowe.

- (b) Helen Truitt married Samuel N. Culver. They lived at Delmar, Del. and he was at one time Speaker of the Delaware House of Representatives.

Children:

At least one daughter

- i. Amy Laura Culver married Howard Thomas Waller, Sept. 1, 1933. \*

- (c) Cora Truitt m. 1st. . . . . Marvel. m. 2nd John E. Hickman \*

- (b) Edward Truitt who lived in Wilmington, Del. \*

IV. Thomas Dennis of Johnson married Mary . . . . .

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See: The tombstone of "John Dennis of Thomas and Mary" in the Pittsville, Md. cemetery. John named his first son Stephen Purnell. This might have been her family name or it might have no significance whatever. See, also: (W) Liber V, 116, 1802, when he purchased land from Martin and Whittington. Also: Liber AK p. 157 deed for "Truitt's Lot" addition to "Hard Adventure", Dec. 4, 1819. Also: Liber AE, p. 392, 1815, deed to John Parker. Also: Liber AR, p. 100 and 103: "William Dennis of Thomas, Thomas Dennis of Thomas, Littleton Dennis of John, and Polly Dennis of Thomas, now the wife of Littleton Dennis" conveyed a part of "Hard Adventure" to John Dennis of Thomas and Thomas Dennis of Thomas, 1825: Land which had belonged to Thomas Dennis of Johnson. This is the only list of the surviving heirs of Thomas Dennis at hand. As no wives of William and Thomas accompanied them in the distribution of this part of their father's estate, it would appear that Polly and John were the older ones: at least, they were married. Also, the expression "now the wife of Littleton Dennis" might indicate that one or the other had been married before. The date of Thomas Dennis' birth is unknown. He had a couple of children by 1800, but he may have been considerably younger than John, James and Henry. He lived on "Hard Adventure" and evidently was dead by 1824, the date of the entry last above.

Children:

1. John Dennis (Black Headed Jack) was born May 15, 1794 (tombstone) and died, Feb. 19, 1855. He was married to Peggy Fooks (Margaret) of William (Billy) Fooks and Turner Turner, Nov. 19, 1824. See: Fooks Family, p. 199. See, also: Liber AZ, p. 261, 1833, when John Dennis of Thomas and Peggy Dennis sold to Benj. H. Byrd and Liber GMH No. 1, p. 194 when John Dennis of T. purchased "Pipenny Hall" from Henry (of Henry) and Ann Dennis and Ananias Dennis, land which they had purchased from William and Nancy Truitt. He lived on part of "Buck Ridge" south-east of Pittsville, Md. His will (W) made Feb. 13, 1854, probated March 6, 1855 bequeathed to his widow (2nd wife) and his known children and named Dr. S. P. Dennis and E. K. Wilson Executors.

Children:

- (1) Mary Ellen Dennis, b. Oct. 26, 1825, d. July 3, 1887, m. 1st. . . . . Brenizer.

Children:

- a. Laura Brenizer, b. July 23, 1848, d. Sept. 4, 1930. unmarried. \*\*

Married 2nd Bennie Hearn. No issue. \*\*

- (2) Dr. Stephen Purnell Dennis. 1827-1900. He was married to a Havre de Grace, Md. woman who survived him two or three years and died in Havre de Grace where she had lived since 1901. He practiced medicine in Salisbury, Md. until his death. He initiated the legislation requiring a state board examination before practicing medicine in Maryland and the establishment of the Peninsula General Hospital with perhaps 20 beds in an old dwelling on West Main St., Salisbury. He induced Dr. J. Mc. Dick to come to Salisbury to use and develop the Hospital facilities, and to practice medicine. No issue. \*\*



The Commission on the Status of Women, established in 1946, was the first of its kind. It was created by the United Nations to address the needs and concerns of women worldwide. The Commission's mandate was to promote the advancement of women and to ensure their full participation in the development of their countries. It has since become a key body in the United Nations system, working closely with other agencies to advance the status of women and to promote gender equality.

The Commission has held numerous sessions, each with a specific theme. These sessions have brought together experts, scholars, and representatives from various countries to discuss and develop strategies for improving the lives of women. The Commission's work has been instrumental in shaping international policies and programs aimed at achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The Commission's efforts have led to the adoption of several key resolutions and declarations, including the Declaration on the Advancement of the Status of Women in 1975. These documents have provided a framework for action and have inspired many national and international initiatives. The Commission continues to play a vital role in monitoring progress and advocating for the rights and interests of women around the world.

- (3) Hester Ann Hulda Jane Parker Dennis, b. . . . .  
d. . . . . married Dr. Isaac Phillips.  
b. . . . . d. . . . .

Children:

- a. Isaac Phillips went west and it is not known whether or not he married. \*  
All of the above are buried in Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury, Md.  
b. Stephen Phillips, b. . . . . d. . . . .  
married. . . . . He was born, married and died in Philadelphia or Camden, N.J. Dr. Phillips lived in Philadelphia or Camden.

Children:

- (a) Lillian Phillips died unmarried. \*\*  
c. E. Gertrude Phillips, b. 1855, d. . . . .  
married the Rev. Henry S. Dulaney.  
b. 1854, d. 1931.

Children:

- (a) Earl Dulaney who died of tuberculosis, unmarried, after World War I. \*\*

- d. Lillian Phillips died unmarried. \*\*

- (4) Denard James Dennis was a soldier on the Confederate Army. He was captured and Dr. Dennis visited him while he was a sick prisoner at Fort McHenry. He died a prisoner. Unmarried. \*\*

John Dennis of Thomas married 2nd Nancy Elizabeth Tabitha Smith, Dec. 14, 1835 (W). She was b. Aug. 29, 1813, d. Oct. 1, 1869. Dr. Dennis qualified as her Administrator, Nov. 10, 1869. (Wic. Co.)

Children:

- (5) Margaret Elizabeth Turner Dennis, b. Oct. 31, 1836, d. Oct. 20, 1921, married Levin Pollitt Corbin, March 10, 1858; she for the first time and he for the second. He was m. 1st to Harriet A. Aydolette, Sept. 14, 1853; no issue. He was b. Sept. 14, 1829, d. Apr. 27, 1906. See: A Chart of the "Descendants of Dr. George Corbin 1655-1713" and his two wives, Grace Savage and Susannah by Lynn Perry.

Children:

- a. Harriet Amanda Corbin, b. Dec. 18, 1858 at Stockton, Md., d. July 20, 1929, in the hospital at Millville, N.J. married Warren E. Tice, June 1882 at 611 Market St., Camden, N.J. He was b. in 1858 at Newburgh, N.Y. and died in 1889 in Camden, N.J.

Children:

- (a) Margaret Lavinia Tice, b. Mar. 31, 1883 at 611 Market St., Camden, N.J., married Lynn Perry. See, ante: Rose May Dennis of D. H. of E. W. of Henry of Johnson. No issue. \*\*  
m. 2nd Arthur McCael Johnson of Willis' Wharf, Northampton Co., Va. March 8, 1899 by the Rev. R. A. Rodrick, St. Paul's Church, Camden, N.J. He is buried in the Belle Haven (Va). cemetery. No issue.  
m. 3rd James Hyslup of Accomack Co., Va. No issue.





- b. Clarence B. Corbin, b. Oct. 18, 1860, d. Feb. 20, 1880. Unmarried. \*\*
- c. Margaret Ann Corbin, b. Feb. 27, 1863, d. June 10, 1935 at Daytona Beach, Fla. m. 1st Llewellyn Beauregard Gillis, Dec. 14, 1887.

Children:

- (a) Edith Gueretta Gillis, b. Dec. 14, 1888, d. June 1889. \*\*  
m. 2nd Thomas Onley at Audubon, NJ. Feb. 19, 1909. No issue. \*\*
- d. Denard Corbin, member of the New Jersey Bar, b. Dec. 22, 1865, d. June 5, 1890. Unmarried. \*\*
- e. Alice Campbell Corbin, b. July 6, 1869, d. Feb. 29, 1936 at Marmora, N.J. m. Josiah J. M. Shuck, Apr. 30, 1902. He was b. May 3, 1860 in Bedford, Pa. and d. Feb. 14, 1946 at Daytona Beach, Fla. They were buried at Bedford, Pa.

Children:

- (a) Richard Corbin Shuck, b. Nov. 1, 1904 m. Ruth Hosner of Romeo, M.ch. 2314 South Peninsula Dr., Daytona Beach, Fla. No issue. \*\*
- f. Mabel Corbin, b. Feb. 11, 1873, d. July 7, 1873. \*\*
- g. Lidie Fisher Corbin, b. Nov. 12, 1876 m. Lorenzo Carlisle Dilks at Haddonfield, N.J. Oct. 12, 1902. 1704 North Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla. No issue. \*\*

- (6) Amanda M. Dennis, b. Jan. 14, 1838, d. Sept. 26, 1856. Unmarried. \*\*

- (7) William Thomas Dennis, b. July 15, 1841, d. Feb. 8, 1869. He married Nancy F. Bailey, March 12, 1866.

Children:

- a. Lillie W. Dennis, b. ....1867, d. ....1939. She married Daniel B. Parsons, Feb. 11, 1884.

Children:

- (a) Ralph E. Parsons, b. .... d. Dec. 11, 1936. m. Anna Sheppard.

Children:

- i. Dorothy Ann Parsons
- ii. John Sheppard Parsons
- (b) Virgie Parsons m. Arthur H. Parker.
- (c) William H. Parsons m. Ruth Davis of Minos.
- (d) Bettie Parsons m. Harry Richardson.
- (e) Mattie Parsons m. Walter L. Smith.
- (f) Arthur Parsons d. Nov. 19, 1918 m.
- (g) Frank D. Parsons m. Grace Davis of Minos.

After the death of William Thomas Dennis, the widow married Asbury H. Perdue, Jan. 21, 1879. (Wic. Co.).

- 2. Polly Dennis married Littleton Dennis of John. See, ante.
- 3. William Dennis of Thomas was married to Rachel Davis, June 27, 1826. (W). He conveyed land in 1829 (W) Liber AV p, 445. He was dead by July 5, 1864 when John M. Dennis qualified as administrator with bonds by E. K. Wilson and Thomas Dennis. The distribution of this estate has not been consulted and no list of his heirs is at hand.





4. Thomas Dennis of Thomas No reliable entry concerning this Thomas is at hand. He must have been the Thomas in the above paragraph. There is no known Dennis connection with E. K. Wilson. John M. Dennis was a local minister who married Henrietta Givans (W) July 24, 1837. His ancestry is not clear but Harriet B. Dennis, whom I assume to have been the wife of Levin D. Dennis, and William A. Dennis, made bonds to settle his estate, Feb. 22, 1870. It is likely that he belongs in this line; where, is not clear; perhaps a descendant of Johnson or George.

V. Johnson Dennis of Johnson married Sabra (or Sabrew). He purchased land from Thomas Dale, Sr., in 1805 (W) Liber X p. 369 and had a Bill of Sale recorded from his brother George Dennis in 1810 (W) Liber Z p. 358 or 356. Mar. 12, 1819 (W) Liber AI p. 283, he, wife Sabrew, sold the above parcel of land, "Collins' Delight" "720 acres that he had bought from Thomas Dale, Aug. 28, 1805, adjoining 'Bassett's Choice' " to Mathew Hancock. See, also: (W) Liber AM p. 549 where he, wife, Sabra, sold "Bassett's Choice" and "Collin's Delight" to Thomas Littleton, Feb. 16, 1822. Then, in 1823, Liber AN p. 100 (W) we see that Sarah Dennis conveyed "Dennis' Choice" to Thomas Littleton. See: Distribution of the effects of James Lewis, Sr. May Court 1814 (W) (post appendix) and his will (W) Liber MH No. 4, p. 309, Jan. 3, 1812, proven by the witnesses, John Dennis and George Truitt, and renounced by the widow Polly, Jan. 20, 1812, witnessed by Johnson and George Dennis. Thomas Littleton had married Mary Lewis, Dec. 23, 1803 and Henry Dennis (see, ante) had married Ann Lewis who was dead by about 1803 or 4 when he remarried. This 1822 entry is the last for Johnson Dennis and are the only ones for Sabra (or Sabrew). Johnson was married and likely had children, he was keeper of the Fenwick Island Lighthouse and perhaps an examination of the Sussex Co., Del. records would disclose more about his descendants.

Sarah Dennis who conveyed "Dennis' Choice" to Thomas Littleton in 1823, Liber AN p. 100, may have been Sarah, daughter of James Dennis. See, ante and Liber AM p. 358. If she was any blood relation to Thomas Littleton, it is not clear. Thomas Littleton married Polly Lewis of James Lewis, Sr., Dec. 3, 1803. She was a sister to Henry Dennis' first wife. James Lewis, Sr., had no daughter named Sarah, but James Lewis, Jr. did.

VI. George Dennis of Johnson. There was also a George Dennis of Solomon. They were contemporaries, second cousins. It appears that George was the youngest son of Johnson Dennis. The following entries have been noted.

1. (W) Liber Z, p. 356 or 358. Bill of Sale to Johnson Dennis, Jr., his nephew, son of Henry. 1809.
2. (W) Will of Johnson Dennis, his father. See: Appendix.
3. (W) Witness to the renouncing of the will of James Lewis Sr. by the widow, Mary, Jan. 10, 1812.

No one of these would require the name of his wife if had had one. He certainly participated in the distribution of his father's estate. He must have been 25 or 30 years old by 1811, the date of the will; probably older. No record of his purchase or sale of land, a will, or a distribution has been found. His marriage and issue are unknown. \*

VII. Mary Dennis. It appears that she married James Lewis, Sr. If so,





she was not his first wife and the mother of his children. James Lewis, Sr. was of the generation of her father. James Lewis, Jr. was a soldier in the Worcester County Militia during the Revolutionary War as was John, James and Henry Dennis of Johnson. It may have been her second marriage. If she remarried or bore any children, the records have not disclosed that fact. See: Appendix: Lewis. \*

VIII. Kezziah Dennis married a Davis: John, James, Shadrack, George, Benjamin, Philip, Robert, Mathias, Henry, Turner, Sampson, Levin, Mathew, Noah, Brinkley: it is not clear which one. \*

### ELLIS DENNIS OF DONNOCK

Ellis Dennis, b. July 29, 1673 (S) d. 1743 (S) married Henry Hudson c. a. 1690 and had a large family. After the death of her first husband, the widow married John Gillett by whom she had no children.

The late Millard Hudson of Washington, D. C. a very careful genealogist made an exhaustive search of the records for the antecedents and descendants of this union and his data were reliable. After he died, his records came into the custody of his daughter who went to Madison, Wis. where she was employed in the University of Wisconsin Library. An effort was made to have her deposit these records with the Maryland Historical Society. The result of the request is not known to the writer.

Mr. Hudson says: "Henry Hudson II, son of the original settler, married Ellis Dennis, daughter of Donnock and Ellis Dennis, about 1690. They had a large family, but the name of Ellis is not found in later years. Ellis, four years younger than her husband, Henry, was born July 29, 1673. She died in 1743. Ellis Dennis Hudson, widow, married second, John Gillett who died in 1737. No children."

See OS p. 280, "Henry Hudson was one of the first settlers of Somerset Co." p. 472. "He patented "Hudson's Fortune" Nov. 1665, 100 acres." This was the father of Henry Hudson II, a contemporary of Donnock Dennis.

The dates of the birth of Donnock Dennis' children are recorded in the Somerset Co. records. Judge Dennis' records indicate that the child born July 29, 1673 was named Eliza. "Eliza:" was the abbreviation for Elizabeth. Eliza as a name was not used at that early date. Review indicates that the Judge misinterpreted the old engrossing. The Judge repeats this error when he states that Eliza died July 18, 1687. First, there was no Eliza. Second, Elizabeth, b. Nov. 16, 1665, he said, "married George Lyle, Esq. of Somerset Co." This entry has not been found, in fact, no Lyle appears in the Somerset Co. records of that generation. See, OS p. 449. "George Lane m. Oct. 20, 1678, Dennis Fontaine" and had children continuously until "Dennis" 1690/1. (IKL) Torrence (OS) interpreted the name "Lyte." It should be Lyd. She had one child, Ann Lyd, who married her cousin, Dennis Taylor and appears to have married, second, a Prior.

See: Maryland Calendar of Wills. Vol. II, p. 35. The will of Roger O'Cane was made Feb. 16, 1687/8 and probated June 6, 1688, devised his property to "Donogh" and "Alice" (sic Ellis) Dennis, Sr. and to Alice Dennis, Jr. and to Katherine, John, and Ellinor Dennis, Donogh Dennis, Jr. executor and residuary legatee. This included 100 acres of land and was





witnessed by Peter Lowder, Hope Taylor and Margaret Taylor. These are the known children of Donnock Dennis and Ellis Dennis except the two oldest, Elizabeth and Margaret. Elizabeth may have been dead; Margaret who married Hope Taylor was not; she witnessed the will, and she raised a big family of children. See ante. William Mathews, the son of Ellis Dennis, and brought to Maryland by Donnock and Ellis, was not mentioned.

The death that occurred July 18, 1687, was either Donnock's daughter Elizabeth or his first wife, Ellis

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## THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DENNIS (1676-1741) OF DONNOCK

Generation considering Donnock Dennis No. 1

The same as Donnock Dennis, Jr.	Johnson Dennis	Johnson Dennis' eight children
John Dennis Born Feb. 12, 1676 Died 1741	1. Donnock	1. Mary
Married 1st Sarah Littleton.....	2. John 1704-1766	2. Littleton 1728-1774
	3. Elizabeth	3. Leah
	4. Sarah	4. Anne
	5. George	5. John 1729-1781
	.....	6. Sarah
		7. Elizabeth
		.....
Married 2nd Elizabeth Day..... who died in 1757 (J).	1. Valentine I.....	1. Valentine II
		2. Parker
		3. Jesse
		4. John
		5. Tabby
		6. Molley
		7. Nelly
		.....
	7. Lazarus.....	1. Leah
		2. Shadrach
		3. John
		4. Saphiah
		.....
	8. Wheatley.....	1. Rhoda
		2. Ezekiel
		3. Benjamin
		.....
	9. Solomon.....	1. George
	10. Daniel	2. Elizabeth
		3. Sarah James
		4. Mary





## THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DENNIS of DONNOCK

### Plate 3, Column 1.

John Dennis, b. Feb. 12, 1676; d. 1741. He married Sarah Littleton. She was not Sarah Littleton, daughter of Col. Southey Littleton. See, ante. Who she was is not clear. She may have been the daughter of John Littleton who was accumulating some land about 1697 in the vicinity of Guilford. He died in 1721 and left a son, William. VES p. 1104. (wife Johannah). He must have had a son named John (wife Sarah) who transferred adjoining land to Richard Barncastle in 1722. In 1732 "Mark Littleton, son of John" purchased other land east of this: he was succeeded by a son of the same name who died in 1797 (wife Raner) and left to his sons, George, Southy, and James, VES. The records have not disclosed the blood relation between John Littleton and the descendants of Col. Nathaniel Littleton. These were the only Littletons on the colonial Eastern Shore.

The name of Mark Littleton's son, Southy, suggests a possible family connection. The Dennises used this name although not as much as Littleton. The colonial records of the Eastern Shore have disclosed only one person with this surname - Ann Southy who married Col. Nathaniel Littleton. For Henry Southy, see VES p. 77.

Concerning John Dennis, Judge Dennis says: "He inherited his father's residence at Nassawaddox. His occupation was that of planter, and in the old records, he is described as 'gent'. In 1710 he was appointed one of the Justices of the Provincial Court, and served in that position many years. From John and Sarah were b. John, William, Elizabeth, Sarah and George. Of these Elizabeth, Sarah and George died unmarried: William, b. November 6th, 1709, settled in Merumasco near Rehobeth, married, but died 1757." He may have had a son named William: if so, no other available entry has shown it. William in Donnock's (Sr) will was the son of Donnock, Jr. and lived on "Long Ridge" and sold the land that he inherited from his grandfather (W) Liber 4, p. 483, March 4, 1747. His will was proven Sept. 16, 1757 (W), JW 2, p. 183, passed Aug. 1763. See, ante: Children of Donnock Dennis, Jr. wife, Rodah, Ex. John Dennis' will (W) JW 2, p. 12, made May 4, 1739, pro. March 4, 1744 does not mention Donnock or William. In cases of disagreement, this work has followed wills and land records rather than notes or even published matter. In this will, bequests are made to John, his sons by his second wife, and to his surviving widow who is named Executrix. Why it was recorded in Worcester county is not clear. Perhaps most of his land was in that county. The Judge says that "he inherited his father's residence at Nassawaddox" and not that he lived there. Perhaps his stepmother lived there until she died.

The date of Sarah's death is uncertain. The Judge has penciled in his notes "1732 1st wife died." This is wrong: it was some other Sarah; perhaps his unmarried daughter. At any rate, she died after 1704 when he was 28 years old, and soon enough for him to remarry and raise at least five boys to fair maturity by 1739 when he made his will.





## THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DENNIS (1704-1766)

### OF JOHN

Plate 3, Column 2.

1. Donnock Dennis of John inherited from his grandfather and the name appears in the Somerset Co. records from time to time; the last, March Court 1742 held at Dividing creek, where he is referred to as "late of All Hallow's Parish." He may have been dead. There is no record of his marriage.

2. John Dennis, b. Aug. 12, 1704; d. Aug. 31, 1766. It appears that he was the only survivor of John Dennis (1676-1741) by his first wife. The Judge says: "He resided at the family seat at Nassawaddox, and was a planter by occupation. In 1743 he was appointed by Gov. Bladen High-Sheriff of the County, and was reappointed for two additional terms. In 1755, he was a member of the General Assembly of Maryland, representing Somerset County, at the same time that his son, John, represented Worcester. He married Mary, daughter of William Purnell, Esq., of Snow Hill, November 10th, 1724; she died 1768."

His will, made Feb. 1, 1766, pro. Sept. 2, 1767, has been recorded in the Somerset Co. records, Liber EB 4, p. 13. In it he made bequests, in the following order, to his sons "Littleton," to be Executor, and "John" and his daughters "Sarah Holbrook", "Elizabeth", "Leah Robertson," and "Mary Pollitt" and did not describe any land, but devised that it be divided into sixths. John S. McMaster in his "Notes on John Slemons Stevenson" says that he had seven children; the above and Anne inserted between Leah and John. Plate 3, column 3. This is the only entry of Anna at hand. She may have died before the will was made. However, in his will, John Dennis named the following grandchildren: Samuel Handy, Mary Maddux, Elizabeth Handy, John Handy, William Handy, William Caldwell, Robert Caldwell, Mary Caldwell, and Elizabeth Sanford. There are no Holbrook or Robertson grandchildren mentioned. There are four Handy grandchildren. Perhaps there had been an Ann and another daughter, twice married.

It appears that the oldest of his surviving children was:

- I. Mary Dennis who married Samuel Handy (of William, of Samuel, the original settler) and Mary Sewell, Dec. 15, 1737 (CP) as his second wife and bore him the following children:

The dates of birth are from Coventry Parish records; undated names are mentioned in the will of Samuel Handy, Pro. Apr. 12, 1755 (S) Liber 35 of wills, folio 21 in the Maryland Land Office.

1. Mary Handy, b. Jan. 23, 1743.
2. Elizabeth Handy, b. May 18-19, 1747.
3. John Handy, b. Aug. 27, 1749.
4. Samuel Handy, b. March 5, 1751/2. This was Colonel Samuel Handy of Snow Hill and McMaster gives his life span 1741-1828 and says that he was the oldest boy and that Littleton Dennis was his guardian. This is probably correct.
5. James Handy named in his father's will pr. (S) Mar. 2, 1755.





6. William Handy also named in his father's will. From Coventry Parish records it appears that he married Mary Robins, Aug. 25, 1768 and had a large family, some living into the 19th Century. Coventry Parish records contain the following entries:

- (1) Thomas Robins Handy, son of William and Mary Robins, b. Sept. 3, 1769.
- (2) Comfort Handy, daughter of William and Mary, b. Oct. 2, 1771.
- (3) James Handy, son of William and Mary, b. July 5, 1773.
- (4) Joyce Handy, son of William and Mary, b. Sept. 26, 1775.

In this generation, there were other John Handys than the son of Samuel and Mary, but the following entries may be descendants of Mary Dennis:

- (1) Jane Handy, daughter of John and Prise Long, b. Oct. 29, 1769.
- (2) Easter Handy, daughter of John and Prise, b. Sept. 10, 1771.
- (3) Nancy Handy, daughter of John and Prise, b. May 15, 1773.
- (4) Elizabeth Handy, daughter of John and Prise, b. Sept. 14, 1775.
- (5) William Handy, son of John and Prise, b. Oct. 4, 1778.
- (6) Sarah Handy, daughter of John and Prise, b. Jan. 21, 1781.
- (7) Prise Handy, daughter of John and Prise, b. May 23, 1783.

Continuing from the Coventry Parish records:

Marriages:

William Handy and Mary Robins, m. Aug. 25, 1768.

John Handy and Priscilla Long, m. Nov. 3, 1768.

George Waters and Betty Handy, m. Mar. 3, 1767.

Deaths:

Mary Handy wife of William, d. July 12, 1777.

The Handys of our own generation include:

The Rev. Mr. Handy an ordained Baptist minister, who was for years, the Principal of the Pocomoke City (Md). High School and a recognized latin scholar. He had three sons:

Speed Handy, who was Principal of the Easton (Md.) High School.

King (man) Handy, a graduate of Western Maryland College who followed his father in the Baptist ministry. He married a Miss Arbuckle of Baltimore whose father was in the coffee business.

Brantly Handy, a colleague of the writer, who spent his productive years in Richmond, Va. He was connected with the University of Richmond.

All of these sons had families.

Sally Handy married William Corbin of George Corbin, Jr. and had at least one daughter, Anne, who married her cousin William Stockley Corbin, an officer in the Virginia Navy during the Revolutionary war. See "Diagram of the Descendants of Dr. George Corbin" by Lynn Perry. It is





not known whether she was a granddaughter of Mary Dennis, or not: if so, it furnishes another inter-relationship between the Corbins and Dennises. See, ante: The Descendants of Thomas Dennis of Johnson.

Mary Dennis married (2nd) John Pollitt after the death of Samuel Handy, whose will was pro. April 2, 1755, and before her father made his will on Feb. 1, 1866, and, according to McMaster, had the following children:

7. Levin Pollitt
8. Sally Pollitt
9. Susan Pollitt
10. Leah Pollitt

Leah Pollitt married Levin Long who died before Feb. 23, 1808 and whose child:

- (1) Sally Long who was the first wife of William Tingle (m. Jan. 4, 1796)

Children:

- a. John Tingle
- b. William Tingle
- c. James Tingle
- d. Elizabeth Dennis Tingle
- e. Harriet Gore Handy Tingle who was the first wife of John Slemons Stevenson.

See, ante: Margaret Dennis, who married Hope Taylor; their first child, Elizabeth Taylor, married Daniel Long of Samuel and was the mother of David Long who was the father of Levin Long. Levin Long became guardian of Littleton Dennis of Jesse, age 19, after the death of his mother in 1783. See, post: Jesse Dennis of Valentine.

Probably all of the descendants of Mary Dennis can be traced.

It is well to note that neither Littleton Long, born only ten years after Littleton Dennis (1728-1774) nor Littleton Dennis, born in 1764, were descended from Sarah Littleton, wife of John Dennis (1676-1741). It is thought that Littleton was a family name: if so, these pages indicate that no one except Elice, wife of Donnock, could have had that surname.

II. Sarah Holbrook, b. 1725. Notes indicate that her husband was Thomas Holbrook, Deputy Commissioner of Somerset Co. but the authority is absent. Coventry Parish records indicate that Sarah Dennis married John Hambleton, Mar. 10, 1752 (Rev. Samuel Whittacker, Rector). Her father's will was made Feb. 1, 1756 so Thomas Holbrook must have been her second husband. No mention of Holbrook or Hambleton in his will indicates that she may not have had issue at the time the will was made. Any descendants that she may have had, have not been followed. \*

III. Elizabeth Dennis, b. 1727. Notes indicate that Elizabeth Dennis married Thomas Maddux and had one child, Mary, but the authority is absent. However, the appearance of Mary Maddux among John's list of grandchildren, in a way, checks this item.

1. Mary Maddux. \*





- IV. "Littleton Dennis, born Feb. 3, 1728: died May 6, 1774". Again quoting the Judge: "He married Susanna Upshur, daughter of Abel Upshur and Rachel Revell, of Northampton Co., Virginia. He was a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to the bar upon becoming of age, and was actively engaged in practice until his death. He acquired considerable wealth, and owned large tracts of land both in Somerset and Worcester. He resided at Beverly (which has ever since continued to be the family seat), the dwelling-house at that time standing between the graveyard and the present residence; the present mansion at Beverly was commenced by him, but the work being interrupted by his death, it was completed by his widow, Susanne, during the early part of the Revolutionary War."

The Upshur place is on Upshur's Neck, Accomack Co. but the Revells were a Northampton county family. The Revells came from co. Warwick, England and the property was named "Warwick" some generations later. More recently, it was owned by Ralph T. Whitelaw who lived there some years and, after the death of his wife, at Whispering Pines. He wrote "Virginia's Eastern Shore" and this work contains a detailed account of the Upshurs, Revells, this land, and some interesting family legends.

Beverly, on the south side of the Pocomoke river, six miles from Pocomoke City, is on land patented to Donnock Dennis in 1669 named Peterboro. The grant of 250 acres was made for bringing five persons into the province, Donnock, his wife Elice, her son, William Matthews, and his two oldest children, Elizabeth and Margaret. OS And Hall of Records, Annapolis, Liber 11, p. 514. Littleton Dennis added to this land across the state line into Accomack county (VES A160 and A166) making a rather large plantation which included a water mill on Pitts' creek. Parcels have been sold off this land from time to time until by 1920 the farm was hardly large enough to support a family. Philip C. Dennis was the last of the family to live there; he removed to Berlin, Md. and the place was sold out of the family about 1925 or 1930. The house has been described with illustrations in about every volume on colonial life and architecture that has been published.

This is the first of a number of Littleton Dennises, descendants of both John Dennis of Donnock and Donnock Dennis of Donnock. See, ante: The last paragraph under Mary Dennis, above.

McMaster says that Littleton and Susanna were married in 1754. They were buried at Beverly, the tombstones bearing the following epitaphs:

In the Memory of:

LITTLETON DENNIS, ESQ.  
who departed this life on the 6th Day  
of May, 1774  
in the 46th year of his age.

SUSANNA DENNIS  
wife of the late  
LITTLETON DENNIS  
July 8, 1733  
November 17, 1784 in the  
51st year of her age.

Although the Judge did not say so, one can surmise that Littleton and Susanna must have directed the education of their children with sound judgment that broadened their vision, and arranged their social life with care.



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February 26, 1968

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Dear Mr. Perry:

An effort to chart the Spence family for the Worcester County Historical Society is being made and we have run into complications.

On page 75 of Dennis & Co. quoting Judge John Upshur Dennis "Henry Dennis B-1757 sailed from Beverly in 1785 and was lost at sea." He married in 1783 Ann, daughter of Judge Lemuel Purnell, had son Littleton Purnell Dennis, etc. This compares with the Purnell records; however, the statement that she married second time Judge William Polk is incorrect. She married George Spence and had eight boys, among them Senator John Selby Spence, Judge Ara Spence, and Irving Sr.

The inscription on her tombstone at Mt. Ephriam reads Anne Spence, daughter of Lemuel Purnell - second wife and widow of George Spence, etc.

Judge William Polk married Anne, daughter of Maj. John Purnell.

With your approval I would like to make the correction in my copy of Dennis and Co.; also, at the Maryland Historical Society, if you approve.

Yours very truly,

*Charles B. Bishop*





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April 5, 1958.

Dear Mr. Bishop:

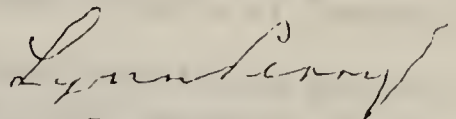
Thanks ever so much for your letter of a couple of months ago telling me of some inaccuracies in the female lines of "Dennis & Co."

You just make any corrections that you feel should be made and notify those folks of such changes. In the event that you run into entries that do or seem to differenciate from my manuscript, please go right ahead and record your new evidence.

"Dennis & Co." is a compilation that I had collected for 50 or 60 years. I tried to state the source to the data and my interperetation. It is far from complete and I imagine is in error in parts. But it is the only compilation of information of our branch of the Dennis Family and I thought that it should be distributed for there might be some Dennises that would appreciate it.

I am 84 yeqrs old, deaf and am nursing cataracts. So my future production is about at the end.

Yours truly,



Lynn Perry.





In the following pages, the Judge's notes have been used except where otherwise noted or extended. All of their descendants can be traced.

1. James Dennis, b. Jan. 18th, 1756; d. Nov. 4, 1764. Unmarried. From the tombstone at Beverly: "James Dennis, Esq." "Nov. 6, 1774 in the 20th year of his age."

2. Henry Dennis, b. Sept. 12, 1757. Again quoting the Judge: "He sailed from Beverly on the 11th day of Feb. 1785, on a voyage to the West Indies for the benefit of his health, and was never afterward heard of. The vessel is supposed to have been lost at sea, with all on board. He married in 1780" (CP records indicate Nov. 23, 1783), "Ann, daughter of Judge Lemuel Purnell: after Henry's death, she married Judge William Polk, of Worcester, from whom was born the late Col. James Polk of Baltimore. The only child of Henry and Ann was:

- (1) "Littleton Purnell Dennis, born 1784" (CP records indicate, Oct. 5, 1784), "died April 14, 1834, at Washington during the session of Congress which he was attending as Representative. He was a lawyer by profession, and resided in Somerset County on the Wicomico River, and served several terms in the State Legislature. He is buried in the Congressional burying-ground. Educated at Yale College."

"He was an old batchelor of great popularity and noted for his wit: many of his notes were long current in the Community. . . . . The late Gov. Wise of Virginia who was a colleague in Congress, told me many stories about him and expressed the warmest admiration for his lovable character, and appreciation of his talents."

3. Elizabeth Dennis, b. May 5, 1760; d. Oct. 26, 1811. She (J) "is buried in the Episcopal Graveyard, on 5th Street, Philadelphia, by the side of her brother, John." See, post: "She married Feb. 3, 1776, John Teackle of Kegotank, the son of Levin and Joice Gore Teackle, of Northampton Co., Virginia, and so called to distinguish him from John Teackle of Craddock."

Quoting Ralph T. Whitelaw:

"Levin Teackle was the son of John Teackle and his wife Susanna (Upshur) of Craddock. He was married twice: first to Joice Gore Justice, daughter of Ralph and Catharine. . . . . by his first wife, one of his sons was John Teackle of Kigotank." VES A46. Kegotank is VES A121 and lies on the seaside road near Modestown and east of Gargatha. All of these were Accomack county families. This had been Justice property and John Teackle's mother inherited a part of it and passed it to John who finally acquired all of it and much more adjacent land. Here John Teackle and Elizabeth Dennis lived and raised their family.

Again quoting VES:

"1817 (John) Teackle left his home here and 600 acres of land to his youngest son James Henry Dennis Teackle; he called his middle son, John Justice Teackle, 'my unfortunate son' and left a trust estate for his maintenance; his daughters Henrietta, Sarah U., and Hester Maria Fisher Teackle married, respectively, Elihu Chauncey, Charles N. Bancker and James Montgomery, all of Philadelphia. It is known that family portraits, at least of John Teackle and his daughter Hester, were painted by Thomas Sully, and they are now owned by the Philadelphia descendants.

"1825. James H. D. Teackle and his wife Jenesha of Hudson, N. Y., sold his inheritance to his brother Littleton D. Teackle, who





resold to Littleton Dennis, from whom the title passed to his son John U. Dennis, 1845 he and his wife, Louisa Jane gave to their son Littleton Dennis, but he died two years later and left it to his father; he (wife Louise J.) of Worcester, left to his sons Henry E. and Francis H. Dennis, and the latter assigned his interest to his brother. 1856 Henry E. and Critty Sarah Dennis exchanged KEGOTANK FARM of 600 acres with John B. and Sarah Ann Smith for PLACETA (ALA) so the property finally left the hands of the descendants and relatives of John Teackle."

Children of John Teackle and Elizabeth Dennis: The Accomack county records correspond with (J); dates are from the latter.

1. Littleton Dennis Teackle, b. Dec. 27, 1777, d. 1846. m. Elizabeth, daughter of Abel and Elizabeth Upshur of Northampton Co., Va. May 28, 1800. (J) They moved to Princess Anne, Md. and built the Teackle Mansion.  
Children:
  - (1) Elizabeth Upshur Teackle, b. Feb. 4, 1801, m. Aaron Balderson Quinby, Apr. 30, 1839,  
Children:
    - a. Upshur Quinby, b. Aug. 29, 1841, m. Georganna G., daughter of Thomas S. Richardson of Accomack county.  
Issue:  
Henrietta Teackle, b. Feb. 29, 1780, m. Elisha Chauncey of Philadelphia, Oct. 30, 1810.  
Children:
      - (1) Henrietta Chauncey, b. June 22, 1812, m. E. G. Booth, Esq., of Nottoway Co., Va.
      - (2) Sarah Chauncey, b. June 22, 1817, m. William Savage, Esq., of Philadelphia, son of Thomas L. and Margaret Teackle Savage of Northampton county.  
Issue.
2. Sarah Upshur Teackle, b. Oct. 5, 1783, d. March 2, 1843, m. Charles N. Bancker of Philadelphia, Jan. 30, 1804.  
Children:
  - (1) Henrietta Bancker m. a Mr. McIlvaine of Philadelphia by whom she had a daughter Ellen who m. Mr. Cammack of Philadelphia.  
Issue.  
After the death of her first husband, Henrietta m. Judge Cadwallader of Philadelphia by whom she had several children.
    - (2) Sarah Bancker.
    - (3) Charles Bancker.
    - (4) Ann Elizabeth Bancker.
    - (5) Henry Bancker.
    - (6) William Bancker.
    - (7) Evert Bancker.
    - (8) Virginia Bancker.
    - (9) James Bancker.
3. Henry Dennis Teackle, b. Mar. 26, 1786, d. Jan. 15, 1807. Unmarried.
4. Elizabeth Dennis Teackle, b. Oct. 25, 1788; d. Jan. 16, 1823. m. The Reverend James Montgomery of Philadelphia, July 9, 1815.





Children:

- (1) John Montgomery
  - (2) James Henry Montgomery
  - (3) Mary Elizabeth Montgomery
6. John Justice Teackle, b. Sept. 30, 1790, d. June 22, 1824. Unmarried.
  7. Maria Teackle, b. Feb. 15, 1792, d. Apr. 4, 1794. Unmarried.
  8. Esther Maria Fisher Teackle, b. Mar. 30, 1795, d. Oct. 18, 1840. Unmarried.
  9. James Henry Dennis Teackle, b. Jan. 12, 1798, d. Aug. 30, 1840; m. Jerusha (or Jenesha) Porter Williams of Philadelphia.

Children:

- (1) Virginia Teackle
- (2) Elisha Williams Teackle
- (3) Elizabeth Teackle

4. Littleton Dennis, b. Mar. 27, 1763, d. Sept. 25, 1764.

5. Littleton Dennis, b. July 21, 1765, d. Aug. 16, 1833. (Note: Coventry Parish records indicate the death to have been Aug. 17, 1831. This is either wrong or has been copied incorrectly). (J) "He married, Dec. 4, 1788, Elizabeth, daughter of Col. John Upsher of Northampton Co., Va..... He resided and is buried at Essex Beverly being at that time owned by his brother, John. He was a lawyer, and had a large and lucrative practice. In 1801, he was appointed a Judge of the Court of Appeals, and he held the position until his resignation in 1806. He was an ardent whig, and was elected Presidential Elector at five elections, in 1801, 1813, 1817, 1825, 1829. He is said to have been an able man and eloquent speaker and was universally respected and beloved. His wife Elizabeth was born May, 1769, died May 11, 1819.....

"His remains together with others of the family buried at Essex, were removed (about 1903) to the family graveyard at Beverly. "

Essex was near Beverly. For John, see post.

Children of Littleton and Elizabeth:

- (1) Henry Dennis, b. May 29, 1791, d. Jan. 31, 1793.
- (2) John Upshur Dennis, b. Apr. 10, 1793, d. Dec. 23, 1851.  
(J) "He was educated at Old Washington Academy and afterwards at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a planter by occupation and resided at Beverly." Married three times, he fathered twenty-one children. He was married, first, in 1812 to (J) "Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Frederick Ceasar Dashiell, Esq'r. and Elizabeth Robertson, daughter of the Rev'd. James Robertson (who died circa 1767), who was the son of the Rev'd. James Robertson who died 1734." Coventry Parish records give the death of the Rev. James Robertson, June 28, 1748. She died in November 1820.  
Second. June 26, 1821 to (j) "Maria Elizabeth, daughter of George Robertson, (son of the Rev'd. James Robertson) and Marv Waters (daughter of John Waters and Elizabeth, his wife, and sister to Francis Hutchins Waters who was the father of the late Dr. Francis Waters.) She died Aug. 31, 1837. See, post: 6. Sarah Dennis. Third, June 30, 1838 to (J) Louisa Jane Holland daughter of Dr. Nehemiah Holland, Worcester Co., Md. "The following epitaphs are from graves at Beverly.





John Upshur Dennis  
son of  
Littleton & Elizabeth  
Dennis  
Born, Apr. 10, 1793  
Died, Dec. 23, 1851

Mrs. Elizabeth Dennis  
wife of  
John Upshur Dennis  
Died Nov. 1820  
(Other data obliterated by time.)

Maria E. Dennis  
wife of  
John Upshur Dennis  
Died Aug. 31, 1837  
Aged 37 yrs.

Louisa Jane Dennis  
wife of  
John Upshur Dennis  
Born Oct. 18, 1819  
Died Jan. 30, 1900

The several children of John Upshur Dennis and some of their descendants are as follows:

Children of Elizabeth:

- a. Leah Robertson Dennis, b. May 6, 1814, d. July 22, 1815.
- b. Elizabeth Upshur Dennis, b. Jan. 17, 1817, m. Sept. 12, 1832, Colonel Joseph Stewart Cottman of Somerset Co., Md.

Children:

- (a) Hampden Sidney Cottman, b. Dec. 31, 1833, d. Sept. 1835.
- (b) Thomas Cottman, b. Oct. 18, 1835, d. Nov. 19, 1835.
- (c) Elizabeth Dennis Cottman, b. Aug. 30, 1836, d. July 19, 1852. Unmarried.
- (d) Joseph Stewart Cottman, b. Feb. 1839, d. Oct. 3, 1843.
- (e) Esther Hough Cottman, b. Jan. 18, 1841, m. Oct. 1865, Dr. Henry Briscoe of St. Mary's Co., Md.

Children:

- a\* Henry Briscoe, b. Nov. 30, 1866, d. June 1, 1871.
- b\* Joseph Stewart Briscoe, b. Feb. 9, 1870.
- c\* James Upshur Dennis Briscoe, b. Aug. 1873.
- c. Littleton Dennis, b. Nov. 16, 1818, d. Sept. 2, 1847. (J) "He was educated by private tutors, and afterwards at Princeton College. He was twice married. His first wife was Anne Caroline, daughter of William Fowle, Esqr. of Alexandria, by whom he had William Fowle Dennis, born 5 Oct. 1844, d. 187? After the death of Anne Caroline he married" (July 24, 1846) "Elizabeth Upshur, daughter of Littleton Upshur Dennis and Sarah Waters." For Waters, see post. No children of William Fowle Dennis are mentioned. Littleton Dennis was buried at Beverly the tombstone bearing the information: "Born Nov. 6, 1818, died Sept. 2, 1847, in the 29th year of his age."
- d. John Henry Dennis, b. 1820, d. 185? m. Henrietta Long, daughter of Littleton Long, Esqr. of Princess Anne, Md. Some of their children:
  - (1) Littleton Dennis
  - (2) John Upshur Dennis
  - (3) Mary Dennis
  - (4) Lucy Dennis

Colonel John D. Long, 3905 Juniper Road, Baltimore 18, Md. has gathered the data concerning the Long family with publication in mind. He was first to suggest that Margaret Dennis of Donnock must have married Hope Taylor.

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See, OS p 402. We are in agreement concerning the Dennis-Long connections. David Long of Daniel, and Elizabeth Taylor named their first child Littleton, b. Apr. 7, 1738, and started a long list of Littleton Longs. See CP for some Long vital statistics.

Children of Maria. Elizabeth:

- e. George Robertson Dennis, b. Apr. 22, 1822, d. Aug. 13, 1882. (J)  
"He was educated by private tutors, afterwards went to Old Washington Academy, and from there to the Polytechnic Institute, at Troy. He was graduated in medicine at the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania, but after several years active practice devoted himself to farming. In 1854, he was elected to the State Senate, in 1867, to the House of Delegates, again in 1870 to the Senate, and in 1872, to the United States Senate, where he served the full term. He was for many years and up to the time of his death, President of the Eastern Shore R.R. He resided at Kingston, Somerset Co. He was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married 4 Dec. 1844, was Louisa Anna Smith Joynes, daughter of Thomas R. Joynes, Esqr. of Montpelier, Accomack Co., and Anne Bell Satchell. Louisa was born 29 Jan. 1822, d. 10 July 1852.... After the death of Louisa, George Robertson Dennis married 16 Apr. 1856, Ellen Rebecca, daughter of William Wilson Johnson, Esquire of Princess Anne, and Rosina Martin Upshur his wife: ....."

Children of Louisa:

- (a) John Upshur Dennis. This is the Judge who gathered most of the information about the Dennises, all the data for the descendants of Littleton Dennis (1765-1833) at hand with few additions. (J) He was born "June 14, 1846" and the date of his death is not in the writer's files. "He was educated at Washington Academy, then under the management of B. H. Entrop, Esqr. and afterwards at Princeton College, when he was graduated in 1865. Studied at the U. of Va., was admitted to the bar in 1868, settled in Baltimore City, where he practiced his profession until 2 Jan. 1887, when he was appointed by Gov. Lloyd, Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore in place of the Hon. Wm. A. Fisher, resigned, to serve until the next general election. In Nov. 1887, he was elected, without opposition, for the same position for the full term of fifteen years. He married, 31 May 1881, Frances A., daughter of John Murdoch, of Cane-Mount, Mississippi, and Frances A. daughter of Judge Bristol, of New Haven, Connecticut."

Children:

- a\* John Murdoch Dennis, b. Apr. 13, 1882.  
b\* Frances Louisa Dennis \*  
c\* Dora Louise Dennis \*!

- (b) Anne Bell Satchell Dennis, b. June 12, 1848, m. c.a. 1882, William Arlington Moore of Norfolk, Va.

Children:

- a\* Beverly Moore, b. Apr. 20, 1883. \*  
b\* Louisa Dennis Moore, b. Oct. 9, 1886 \*

- (c) Maria Louise Dennis, b. May 15, 1850 \*  
(d) Charlotte Joynes Dennis, b. Jan. 8, 1852. \*

Children of Ellen Rebecca:





- (e) William Johnston Dennis, b. Feb. 2, 1857, d. Apr. 18, 1884, m. Kate Wakeman, daughter of Ferdinand Oscar Wakeman and Mary Eliza. Wilson of San Francisco, Calif. Children:  
 a\* Collis Huntington Dennis, b. Jan. 29, 1880. \*  
 b\* George Robertson Dennis, b. Dec. 23, 1882. \*
- (f) Rosina Upshur Dennis, b. Apr. 13, 1858, m. Frank M. Ake of Bedford, Pa. Children:  
 a\* George Dennis Ake, b. Sept. 5, 1882. \*  
 b\* Virginia Ake, b. Sept. 17, 1886. \*
- (g) George Robertson Dennis, b. Sept. 3, 1859. \*  
 (h) Margaret Wilson Dennis, b. 1861, d. 1864. \*\*  
 (i) Emily Upshur Dennis, b. Mar. 16, 1863, d. 1869. \*\*  
 (j) James Upshur Dennis, b. 1864, d. 1866. \*\*  
 (k) Ellen Rebecca Dennis, b. Nov. 6, 1866. \*  
 (l) James Upshur Dennis, b. July 25, 1870. \*
- f. James Upshur Dennis, b. Sept. 11, 1823. He was (J) graduated at Princeton 1842, resided at Princess Anne, admitted to the bar 1843, elected House of Delegates 1844, 1861, state senator 1878, member of constitutional conventions of 1851 and 1864. M. 8 October, 1846 Cecilia Hooe, daughter of Bernard and Eleanor Hooe, of Alexandria. Children:  
 (a) Eleanor Hooe Dennis, b. Aug. 27, 1847, Robert F. Brattan. \*  
 (b) Maria Robertson Dennis. \*  
 (c) Cecilia Briscoe Dennis. \*  
 (d) Elizabeth Dennis. \*  
 Cecilia, his first wife, died May 5, 1860, and on Sept. 10, 1863 he married (2nd) Mary Wilson Teackle daughter of Thomas Upshur Teackle and Mary Wilson. Children:  
 (e) James Teackle Dennis, b. Oct. 6, 1865. \*
- g. Mary Waters Dennis, b. Feb. 1, 1825, d. 187? , m. Judge Edward Parker Pitts " son of Gen. Major Pitts and Margaret Parker ", July 27, 1848. Children:  
 (a) Edward Dennis Pitts, b. May 26, 1849, m. Emory West. Issue. \*  
 (b) John Dennis Pitts, died young. \*\*  
 (c) Arthur Emerson Pitts, b. 1851, died young. \*\*  
 (d) Arthur Pitts, b. 1853, died young. \*\*  
 (e) Major Scarburgh Pitts, b. 1855, died young. \*\*  
 (f) Major Sidney Pitts, b. Oct. 2, 1856, d. Mar. 28, 1878. \*  
 (g) George Robertson Pitts, b. Feb. 11, 1858, d. Dec. 1886. \*  
 (h) Barton Pitts, b. Oct. 17, 1859. \*  
 (i) James Dennis Pitts, b. June 1861. \*  
 (j) Hezekiah Spencer Pitts, b. Dec. 24, 1862. \*  
 (k) Mary Robertson Pitts, b. Feb. 24, 1865, died young. \*\*  
 (l) Maria Robertson Pitts, b. Mar. 12, 1867. \*
- h. Anne Emerson Dennis, b. Dec. 13, 1826, d. Mar. 25, 1847. Unmarried.
- i. Henry Emerson Dennis, b. Feb. 23, 1828. He was twice married; first, to Kiturah Sarah Roberts of Northampton Co., Va. and second to Alexine N. Brickhouse, also of Northampton Co., Va. The dates of the marriages are:  
 First, Dec. 17, 1851 and second, Aug. 26, 1863. He died Mar. 12, 1909.





The following incomplete data are in the writer's files. It came partly from Judge Dennis' notes, checked and extended by direct contact with some of the descendants during the 1930 decade. Chaplain Arthur W. Dennis, U. S. Navy, who is interested in this field, has been making an effort to bring this line down to date with dates of births, marriages, and deaths and to add another generation.

Henry Emerson Dennis inherited KINGOTAN (VES, A46) from his father a few days after his first marriage in Dec. 1851. When he lived there is not clear, but he and his first wife traded it for PLACETA in 1856. (VES, A1A) See, ante 3. Elizabeth Dennis. Just he moved to PLACETA is not clear nor is the motive that prompted the deal. It is located in the southeast corner of the mainland of Accomack Co., Va. on the seaside road east of Belle Haven station; There is no colonial or early American dwelling on it now. (1940). His second wife's children were born there.

Children of Kiturah Sarah Roberts:

- (a) Emma K. Dennis, b. Feb. 14, 1853, m. William W. Joynes.

Children:

- a\* Thomas Joynes, b. Sept. 28, 1875, m. Edith B. Dowd of Indiana. No issue. \*\*
- b\* Harry Joynes m. Georgia James of Onley, Va. and lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. One daughter survived. \*
- c\* Garrett R. Joynes, m. Birtie Pitts.

Children:

- a\*\* Edward Joynes \*
- b\*\* Arthur Joynes \*
- c\*\* Garnett R. Joynes, Jr. \*
- d\*\* One child died in infancy. \*\*
- d\* Catherine Joynes, m. William Roberts.

Children:

- a\*\* Mary Emma Roberts m. Rogers \*
- b\*\* Catherine Roberts, m. Wescott of Onancock, Va. \*
- c\*\* William Joynes, Jr., \*
- d\*\* Eugene Roberts, m. Shrives of Bloxom, Va.

- (b) Mary Emerson Dennis, b. Dec. 29, 1854, m. Virgil Stewart.  
Children:

- a\* Augustus Virgil Stewart, m. 1st Miss Gibbs of Brooklyn, N. Y. a Canadian by birth. No issue. m. 2nd A widow whose maiden name was Ruth Minson. No issue. \*\*
- b\* Catherine Stewart, m. Shep. Mears. \*\*
- c\* Susan Stewart, m. Fred Lord.

Children:

One daughter. \*\*

- (c) Henry Emerson Dennis, Jr. b. Sept. 4, 1857, d. in Oregon, unmarried. \*\*

- (d) James Upshur Dennis, b. May 21, 1859. \*

- (e) Kiturah Sarah Dennis, b. Aug. 11, 1861. \*

Children of Alexine N. Brickhouse, daughter of Elam L. and Elizabeth Fitchett Brickhouse; b. Jan. 16, 1839, d. May 18, 1906.

- (f) Arthur Emerson Dennis, b. May 11, 1864 (J) (Chaplain A. W. Dennis' notes indicate 1862), at PLACETA Accomack Co., Va. m. Sallie Mapp Jacob who was born in Northampton Co., Va.



Children:

- a\* Henry Emerson Dennis, b. Aug. 1, 1890, m. Marion Ritchie Savage, b. Sept. 30, 1890. They were married at the age of 19 in the city of Washington, D.C. Children listed in a letter from Mrs. H. E. Dennis, Franktown, Va. dated Feb. 25, 1955, and checked by Chaplain A. W. Dennis.
  - a\*\* A. W. Dennis \*
  - b\*\* Carlyle Jacob Dennis \*
  - c\*\* Marion Savage Dennis, d. 1949 \*
  - d\*\* Henry Emerson Dennis \*
  - e\*\* Robert Joshua Dennis \*
  - f\*\* Charlie Wescott Dennis \*
  - g\*\* Mary Louise Dennis, m. Butler. \*
  - h\*\* Sallie Mapp Dennis, m. O'Grady \*
  - i\*\* Virginia Rachel Dennis, d. 5 yrs old. \*\*
  - j\*\* Rosa Evelyn Dennis m. Melson. \*
- (g) Elizabeth Robertson Dennis, b. Feb. 17, 1866. \*
- (h) Lucy Jane Dennis, b. Sept. 26, 1873, m. Tom R. Muffet and lives in Savannah, Ga.
 

Children:

  - a\* Gladys Muffet \*
  - b\* Marcella Muffet \*
  - c\* Lucy Muffet \*
  - d\* Isabelle Muffet \*
- (i) Charlie Dennis, married and died leaving one son:
  - a\* Charles Rogers Dennis \*
- (j) Sarah Jane Dennis, b. Feb. 11, 1830 (J) d. young. Tombstone at Beverly bears the epitaph: "Sarah Ann Dennis, died Aug. 12, 1837, aged 8 yrs. " \*\*
- (k) Francis Hutchins Dennis, b. Oct. 29, 1831, m. Mary Petit of Accomack Co., Va. \*
- (l) Susan Upshur Dennis, b. Aug. 9, 1835. d. young (J). \* Tombstone at Beverly indicates that she died Sept. 2, 1836, aged 3 yrs.
- (m) Samuel King Dennis, b. Nov. 19, 1835, d. Sept. 20, 1836.
- (n) A tiny tombstone at Beverly bears the following inscription: "Anne, dau. of John & Maria Dennis, d. June 21, 18 7. 6 mo. 8 da. " Any other lettering was illegible. The missing figure might have been 3. Probably it belongs here.
 

Children of Louisa Jane Holland:
- (o) Samuel King Dennis, b. Dec. 15, 1839, graduated at Princeton, (J) "1860, m. 20 Apr. 1865, Sally Handy Crisfield, daughter of Hon. John W. Crisfield, of Princess Anne, and Mary Wilson Handy. D. 5 May 1892, buried at Beverly about 1912 removed and reinterred Presbyterian Cemetery Princess Anne." From the stones in the yard of the Manokin Presbyterian Church, Princess Anne, Md. "Samuel K. Dennis, son of John U. and Louisa Dennis. Dec. 15, 1839 - May 5, 1892. Sally Crisfield, wife of Samuel K. Dennis, Feb. 9, 1844-Apr. 4, 1919. John Page Dennis, their son, Aug. 29, 1882 - Oct. 15, 1910." See, below: (h): This son was probably named John instead of Henry as it appears in Judge Dennis' notes.





Children:

- (a) Arthur Dennis, "b. at Princess Anne, 15 Jan. 1867, graduated at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. m. Mrs. Julia Harrison of N. Y." (J)

The records at Lafayette College, Department of Civil Engineering show that Arthur Crisfield Dennis was graduated with the Class of 1887 and on May 1, 1936, was living at 500 S. Westmoreland St., Los Angeles, Calif. About 1912, he was Chief Engineer of Construction for the Canadian Pacific Railroad when it drove the Rogers Pass Tunnel through the mountains to the Pacific. Later, he lived in retirement in Los Angeles. See: Trans. Am. Soc. C. E. Vol. L. p. 1, Vol. XVI. p. 68, and Vol. LXXX. p. 448. The files of the American Society of Civil Engineers contain material for his technical career. He had some children. \*

There were five men graduated in Civil Engineering at Lafayette College in 1887. Besides A. C. Dennis, they were Fred P. Gutelius, afterward President of the Delaware and Hudson R.R., Charles S. Krick, afterwards Vice President of the Pennsylvania R.R., Frank W. VanLoon, a prominent and successful engineer of Philadelphia, and William J. Young of Pocomoke City, Md., many years Superintendent of the Alpha Portland Cement Co., Easton, Pa.

- (b) Alfred Pearce Dennis, "b. at Beverly 10 Jan. 1869, educated at Blair's Hall, N.J. and Princeton class 1891." (J). He died at Bailey Island, Me. Aug. 29, 1931 by drowning in the waters, of Casco Bay, a suicide due to ill health over a period of years. He married Mary B. Value and among his children was:

a\* Alfred P. Dennis, Jr. See, Blair Academy Bulletin, May 1934. "Alfred P. Dennis, Editor-in-Chief of the Breeze, son of Alfred P. Dennis, '87." \*

He was probably more widely and favorably known than any other member of the Dennis family. After his graduation at Princeton in 1891, he was a professor of economics at Princeton, Wesleyan University of Connecticut, and Smith College until 1907. Then due to ill health, he retired from teaching and was engaged in business for a period, on the Eastern shore. Later, he entered the U.S. foreign service and was commercial attache to the American Embassies in Rome and London. In March 1925 he was appointed by President Coolidge to the U.S. Tariff Commission and two months later became Vice Chairman. When the Commission was re-organized by President Hoover in 1929, he was continued as a member and served until his death.

At Princeton, he was associated with Woodrow Wilson. At Smith, he knew intimately, Calvin Coolidge, then a resident of Northampton, Mass. In later years, he came into frequent contact with Herbert Hoover, then Secretary of Commerce. He had made trade surveys for the Department of Commerce throughout all Europe. All his life he was a student of economics and a prolific writer on subjects relating to economics.





- (c) Samuel King Dennis, b. 4 Jan. 1871, d. young. (J) From the tombstone at Beverly: "b. Jan. 14, 1871, d. Apr. 16, 1873."
- (d) Louisa Jane Dennis, b. 5 Nov. 1872 at Beverly. m. John S. McMaster, 15 Mar. 1894. (J) He was a lawyer in Jersey City, N.J. He was, also a genealogist and the first to point out that, in the seventeenth century engrossing of the Northampton Co., Va. Records, the name that has been interpreted "Nebulain" could just as well be "Littleton" and that Donnock Dennis' wife must have been Ellice Littleton. \*
- (e) Samuel King Dennis, b. 28 Sept. 1874 at Beverly. m. Helen G. Moore, 1 June 1911. (J) Issue. \* *d. Jan 11, 1953*  
He was Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of Baltimore City.
- (f) Ethelinde Crisfield Dennis, b. 31 Oct. 1876 at Cedar Hall, m. Rev. Luther A. Oates. (J) She was living in Princess Anne, Md. in 1931. \*
- (g) Mary Handy Dennis, b. at Beverly 13 Sept. 1880. m. Guy R. Ballach of Canada. (J) \*
- (h) Henry Page Dennis, (J) b. 29 Aug. 1882, drowned in Pocomoke River 1910. See, ante, o: Perhaps his name was John. Unmarried. \*\*
- (i) Philip Crisfield Dennis, (J) b. 6 Sept. 1885. m. Margaret Harmonson of Berlin. \*
- p. Edwin Eugene Dennis, b. Apr. 5, 1841, d. June 25, 1899. Unmarried. \*\*
- q. Louisa Jane Dennis, b. Sept. 26, 1842, d. Oct. 7, 1846. \*\*
- r. Virginia Upshur Dennis, b. Feb. 20, 1844, at Beverly, d. Oct. 7, 1929. m. Henry Page of Princess Anne, Md., an attorney who was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1867, States Attorney 1870-1884, and a member of the 52nd Congress. In 1892, he became Chief Judge of the First Maryland Judicial Circuit and was a Judge of the Court of Appeals for the following fifteen years. He d. Jan. 7, 1913. The marriage date was Oct. 30, 1867.  
Children:
  - (a) Julia Etelinde Page, b. Apr. 19, 1869, m. Joseph L. Wickes of Baltimore. \*
  - (b) Henry Page, b. Sept. 1, 1870. This is Colonel Henry Page, Medical Department, U.S. Army who served in the Philippines under General Arthur MacArthur and was Chief Medical Officer at Fort McHenry, Md. during World War II. He m. Edith, daughter of Colonel Charles R. Greenleaf, U.S. Army, who survived him and was living in Baltimore, aged 90 at the time her son was killed in Korea, Dec. 10, 1950.  
Children:
    - a\* Henry L. Page, Jr. of New York City. \*
    - b\* Charles Greenleaf Page, an attorney of Baltimore. \*
    - c\* John U. Dennis Page, a graduate of Princeton, Lt. Col., F.A.U.S. Army, d. in Korea, Dec. 10, 1950, aged 46 years. He lived in St. Paul, Minn., was married and his widow, Margaret S. W. Page, survived him with two children. †  
He was the 78th Army man to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by special Act of Congress, in the Korean War.  
See: American Legion Magazine, Feb. 1959.
- (c) Louisa Jane Page, b. Sept. 5, 1872, m. Dr. Herbert A. Royster, Raleigh, N.C. \*
- (d) Anne Page, b. Feb. 22, 1876, m. Claude Metzler of Chicago, Ill. \*
- (e) John Dennis Page, b. Oct. 5, 1881, lived at Panama City, Fla. †





- s. Arthur Emerson Dennis, b. Sept. 12, 1846, d. Sept. 13, 1851. \*\*
  - t. Anne Holland Dennis, b. Sept. 6, 1848, d. Feb. 7, 1856. \*\*
  - u. Laura Juliet Dennis, b. Mar. 12, 1850, d. Feb. 19, 1878 "in the 28th year of her age." \*
- (3) Anne Emerson Dennis, b. Nov. 17, 1795, d. Mar. 25, 1817, m. Dr. Thomas Fisher of Accomack Co., Va. June 10, 1816. She was buried at Beverly. \*
  - (4) James Dennis, b. Nov. 4, 1798, d. Feb. 10, 1817. Buried at Beverly. \*\*
  - (5) Littleton Upshur Dennis, b. Jan. 17, 1804, d. Apr. 16, 1833, m. Sarah Anne Waters Robertson, daughter of George Robertson and Mary Waters. She d. July 5, 1832, "age 29 yrs. and 8 mo." The marriage date was June 27, 1826. They are buried at Beverly. He was twice elected to the Maryland House of Delegates.  
Children:
    - a. Elizabeth Upshur Dennis, b. May 29, 1829, d. May 16, 1856, m. Littleton Dennis son of John Upshur Dennis and Elizabeth Dashiell. See, ante: (2) c under John Upshur Dennis. They were m. in 1846, he died in 1847. No issue. She m. 2nd J. Murray Rush of Philadelphia, Nov. 29, 1853. One child survived.
      - (a) Elizabeth Murray Rush, b. Jan. 26, 1856, m. John Biddle Porter in 1882 and had issue. \*
    - b. Littleton Dennis, b. Aug. 3, 1828, d. young. \*\*
    - c. Mary Waters Dennis, b. 1829, d. young. \*\*
    - d. George Robertson Dennis, b. Mar. 16, 1831, m. Alice McPherson, daughter of Colonel John McPherson and his wife who was a Johnson, of Frederick.  
Children:
      - (a) Fanny Johnson Dennis, b. July 2, 1853, m. Henry W. Rogers of Baltimore. \*
      - (b) Charlotte Patterson Dennis, b. July 1, 1855, m. Dr. Franklin Buchanan Smith of Frederick. Issue. \*
      - (c) Alice Dennis, b. Apr. 4, 1857, m. John Lynn Richardson of West Virginia. \*
      - (d) Littleton Upshur Dennis, b. July 31, 1859. \*  
In 1864, he married, 2nd, Fanny McPherson, a sister of his first wife.  
Children:
        - (e) John McPherson Dennis, b. 1866. \*
        - (f) Nannie Graham Dennis, b. Nov. 25, 1867. \*
        - (g) George Robertson Dennis, b. Jan. 31, 1870. \*
        - (h) Mary Dennis, b. 1873. \*
        - (i) Archibald Russell Dennis, b. June 28, 1878. \*
  - (6) Henry Teacile Dennis, b. July 8, 1807, d. Apr. 29, 1819 "In the 12th year of his age."
- 6. Sarah Dennis, b. Oct. 7, 1768, d. Aug. 5, 1804, m. Francis Hutchins Waters, son of John and Elizabeth Waters of Somerset Co., Md. Nov. 10, 1785. He was b. Jan. 15, 1764, d. June 9, 1826. See, ante: (2) John Upshur Dennis.  
Children:
    - (1) John Waters, b. 1786, d. young. \*\*
    - (2) Susan Upshur Waters, b. Jan. 25, 1788, d. Feb. 17, 1817. \*





(3) Francis Waters, b. Jan. 16, 1792, d. Apr. 27, 1868, m. 1st, Margaret Chaires of Kent Co. Md.

Children:

a. Mary Finley Waters, b. Feb. 11, 1820, d. Apr. 10, 1848, m. Lockerman.

Children:

(a) Francis S. Lockerman, b. June 25, 1843, m. Anne, daughter of Dr. Robert Ballard and Sarah Dennis Waters of Somerset Co. \*

(b) Elizabeth Chaires Lockerman, b. 1844, d. young. \*\*

(c) Edmund George Lockerman, b. Mar. 24, 1846, d. Sept. 30, 1853. \*\*

(d) Littleton Dennis Lockerman, b. 1848, d. young. \*\*

b. Francis Hutchins Waters, b. Mar. 15, 1823, d. young. \*\*

c. John Henry Dennis Waters, b. Oct. 10, 1824, d. Feb. 26, 1845. \*

d. Francis Hutchins Waters, b. July 31, 1827, d. Sept. 29, 1848. \*

e. Edmund G. Waters, m. Augusta, daughter of Dr. Wm. Hitch of Baltimore. Issue. \*

After the death of his first wife, Margaret Chaires Waters, Francis Waters m. his first wife's sister, Elizabeth Chaires, Dec. 26, 1833. From this union, there survived one child:

f. Margaret Chaires Waters who m. Joseph Sudler of Somerset Co., Md. \*.

(4) Littleton James Dennis Waters, b. Oct. 30, 1793, d. young. \*\*

(5) Elizabeth Hutchins Waters, b. Feb. 3, 1795, d. Nov. 15, 1866, m.

Freeborn Garrettson of Rhinebeck, N.Y. Sept. 23, 1823. \*

Much of the information and data for the foregoing six children of Littleton Dennis (1728-1774) of John (1704-1766) have been taken from Judge Dennis' notes. Littleton had one other child, perhaps the youngest.

7. John Dennis who lived at Beckford in Princess Anne, Md. and who made his will July 10, 1800, which was pro. Sept. 10, 1806, EB 23, p. 105. Somerset Co. In this he bequeathed to his:

Wife Elinor

Sons Littleton James (Beckford when he becomes of age)  
Henry Jackson  
Robert Jackson

Daughters Betsy Henry  
Susan Upshur  
Henrietta

Brother Littleton Dennis. Ante: 5.

Brother-in-Law, George W. Jackson

At Vacluse, the Upshur Homestead in Northampton Co., Va., is a grave, the stone bearing the following data:

"Elizabeth W. Dennis, daughter of John and Elinor Dennis and wife of Abel W. Upshur, born Jan. 6, 1795, died Nov. 28, 1817. E. W. D. Upshur, born Nov. 28, 1817, died Dec. 8, 1817." It is unlikely that he would have had daughters Betsy and Elizabeth and the W may have been incorrectly copied. It appears that this disposes of Betsy Henry. \*\*

He may have had a son named John, born after 1800 who married Sarah Elzey. See, N.Y. Times, Nov. 16, 1931: Death of "Miss Sallie Elzey Dennis . . . . . granddaughter of John Dennis, who was a member of Congress, cast the deciding vote for Thomas Jefferson for President against Aaron Burr, died today" (Nov. 14), "at the home of her niece Mrs. Joseph R. Carpenter, Jr." (in Philadelphia). "She was 83." \*\*





John Dennis was born in 1771. Buried in Philadelphia. See, ante: 3. Elizabeth Dennis.

- V. John Dennis (1729-1781). (J). This is Colonel John Dennis of the Maryland Colonial Militia. See: Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol. 6. He married Anna Maria . . . . . whom he survived. They lived near St. Martin's and are buried at the St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Worcester Co., Md. He represented Worcester county in the General Assembly in 1755 at the same time that his father, who lived at Nassawaddox, represented Somerset county. He was, or had been, sheriff when he purchased Buck Ridge (afterward Johnson Dennis property) from Samuel Smallwood in 1755. See, D.B.D., p. 83. His will dated July 29, 1781 was pro. June 6, 1782. In it, he devised to his two sons, Robert and John. The first named:

1. Robert Dennis appears to have been the older. He was b. July 13, 1751 (CP) and married Esther Lane, "sole heir of William Lane of Cork, Ireland." (W) Liber I, p. 175, Oct. 30, 1772, prior to 1770 (W) Liber I, p. 154. He moved to Dorchester Co., Md. See, Liber AA, p. 78, 80 and 160. He and others of Dorchester Co. sold a lot in Snow Hill on the river and other real estate to Samuel Handy, May 2, 1809 and Littleton Dennis, Feb. 22, 1809, jointly with his daughter, Esther Lane Savage, wife of Dr. William Savage. See, also, Liber Q, p. 251 (1793), V, p. 573, V, p. 624, X, p. 479 (1805), and X, 516. Most of the Dorchester Co. records were destroyed by fire. \*
2. John Dennis, Jr. was a soldier in Capt. Dale's Co., Sinnepuxent Battalion, July 25, 1780. Robert deeded land to him (W) Liber O, p. 477, 1793. He sold to Littleton Robins in 1798 (W) Liber T, p. 125, also Liber W, p. 92 (1803), and Y, p. 120 (1806) after which data for him is not clear. Tradition is they moved to Norfolk, Va. \*

The Robins of Worcester county must be descended from Hester, daughter of Colonel Nathaniel Littleton. See: Ann Southy Littleton's will, Northampton Co., Va. See: (W) Liber D, p. 23, Johnson and Nancy Dennis to Thomas Robins March 4, 1756, deed to Second Choice left to him by his father, Donnock Dennis. Thomas Robins left this land to his daughter, Esther Robins. A Thomas Robins came to Maryland in the 1660's but there were plenty left in Virginia. The first name of Hester Littleton's husband is not clear, but there has been a number of Littleton Robins.

- VI. Anne Dennis. She is listed in John S. McMaster in his "Short Sketch of John Slemons Stevenson," 1902. The date of her birth has not been uncovered. She d. 1747 and that may account for her name being absent in her father's will. Likely she was the mother of the Caldwell and/or Sanford grandchildren mentioned in the will. \*
- VII. Leah Dennis m. Alexander Robertson, Feb. 3, 1755. (Stepney Parish Records). See OS p. 175 and 423 for the Rev. James Robertson.





DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DENNIS ..... (1676-1741)  
of Donnock Dennis... (1645-1716/7) and his  
second wife, Elizabeth Day.

PLATE 3, Column 2.

Elizabeth may have been a daughter of George Day, but the records are not positive. She survived John, was Executrix for his estate and died in 1757 (J). See, (W) Wheatley Dennis became administrator, Apr. 17, 1757, Joshua Mitchell and Parker Selby bondsmen. Even an approximate date for the death of Sarah or the marriage to Elizabeth is obscure, but a careful examination of the court records certainly should disclose the age of some or all of her children from depositions. Her children are named in his will (W) JW 2, p. 12, in the following order, presumably, in order of their age, the oldest first.

See, Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. 6, pp 194-5; list of soldiers belonging to Capt. Joshua Sturgis' Company, Maryland Colonial Militia, 1748, "Lazarus Dennis, Insign, Daniel Dennis, Valentine Dennis." If a soldier should be 18 years old, at least three boys were born before 1730, perhaps all of them. See, (S) Nov. Court 1738, "Wheatley Dennis appointed Constable for Hoeguateun Hd." If a constable be at least 21 yrs. old, it would put his birth at about 1717. It appears that the marriage was about 1710 when John was about 36 years old.

Children:

6. Valentine Dennis I, See, Maryland Marriage Reference (LO) married Sarah Parker, daughter of Tabitha Parker of Worcester Co.; her will Oct. 4, 1745, Liber 24 (or 25) of Wills f 277; will of Valentine Dennis, Liber 35 of Wills f 200. His will (W) was dated, Apr. 10, 1759, pro. Aug. 2, 1766 and was renounced by Sarah Dennis, Feb. 13, 1767, after waiver by Parker Dennis, Sept. 10, 1766. Parker Dennis became Ex. Apr. 4, 1767 with Jesse Evans and Roland Bevans bondsmen. Roland Bevans had married his daughter Tabitha and it is possible that Jesse Evans may have married Molly or Nelly. Besides providing for his widow, it names the following:

Children:

- I. Valentine Dennis II, d. 1782. William Evans was Adm. made bond, Dec. 19, 1782, filed Aug. 23, 1783, and passed Oct. 12, 1787. Perhaps his wife was a Quinton. He and John Dennis (probably his brother who was under age in 1759) were in Capt. Stewart's Co., Snow Hill Bn., Wor. Co. Militia, July 15, 1780. Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. 6, His male survivors were:
  1. Valentine Dennis III. He may have been the oldest. His wife was Hannah. Although a simple statement of the fact is missing, it appears that she was Hannah Dennis, daughter of Mary Bassett, widow, last and surviving wife of William Bassett. See, her will (W) JBR No. 6, p. 108, made Dec. 17, 1801, pro. Dec. 13, 1803. She was Hannah Davis, sister of Joshua, Turner and Samson Davis. See, will of Joshua Davis, wife Mary and sons Joshua and Turner Davis made Dec. 11, 1795, pro. Feb. 19, 1796, Mary Davis, Ex. (W) It appears that Hannah was the daughter of Joshua Davis, Sr. and his wife Mary whose family name is not known to the writer. She and the oldest daughter of Littleton Q. Dennis are the only Hannah Dennises in the writer's file.





He made his will Feb. 8, 1825 and it was pro. Sept. 29, 1826. Bequests were made to his wife, Hannah, who survived at least to Jan. 9, 1827 when she deeded the "land that he left Sally White" to William M. White (W) Liber AS, p. 278, to his daughter "Polly" and his daughter, Sally, to his son "Henry and to his (Henry's) son Albert," and finally to his son Littleton Dennis who he named Executor.

Children:

- (1) Henry Dennis. If his estate was closed it was missed by the writer. Worcester county marriage records indicate that Henry Dennis m. Mary Blake, Mr. 5, 1817 and he or another Henry Dennis m. Ann Powell, June 6, 1818. There is no circumstances to show that either of these Henry Dennises was he.  
Children:
  - a. Albert Dennis. Valentine's will is the only entry.\*
- (2) Sarah Dennis. See above quotation. She must have married a White and died before 1827.\*
- (3) "Polly". Mary G. Dennis m. William M. White, Feb. 1, 1821. Among her children were:
  - a. King Valentine White whose descendants are tabulated in Fooks Family p. 311.
  - b. Ned White among whose children were Southy King White and Roscoe White.
- (4) Littleton Quinton Dennis, Sr. The following data from the Bibles of Littleton Q. Dennis, Sr. and Marcellus Dennis were furnished by Miss Argene Webb, Pittsville, Md. Some Worcester Co. marriage records have been inserted.

Littleton Quinton Dennis, Sr. b. Feb. 18, 1808, d. July 13, 1882, m. Elizabeth Riley, b. Nov. 20, 1807, d. Oct. 19, 1890. In his will (Wic. Co.) made Nov. 10, 1871, pro. Aug. 1, 1882, he bequeathed to his sons, Washington and Marcellus, and to his daughters Amanda and Cordelia.

Children:

- a. John Valentine Dennis, b. Nov. 5, 1830, d. Oct. 29, 1911, m. Hester C. Timmons Nov. 22, 1853. \*
- b. Littleton Quinton Dennis, Jr. b. Sept. 1830, d. Oct. 1870, m. Martha E. Dennis of John W. of John of Johnson Nov. 1, 1853. See, ante:  
(3) John W. Dennis of John of Johnson. \*
- c. Mary Hannah Dennis, b. May 30, 1834, d. June 10, 1871. \*
- d. Washington Irving Dennis, b. Mar. 22, 1837, d. June 16, 1920. Unmarried. \*\*
- e. Marcellus Dennis, b. Aug. 7, 1839, d. Aug. 18, 1911, m. Dec. 31, 1867, Laura Ann Powell, b. July 29, 1846, d. Aug. 23, 1907.

Children:

- (a) Mary Elizabeth Wise Dennis, b. Dec. 10, 1868. (Manie), m. John Hiram Webb, Dec. 30, 1886.

Children:

- a\* Blanche Winfred Webb, m. Charles H. Corwin March 1906.

Children:

- a\*\* Ernestine Corwin, b. Oct. 7, 1907, d. Oct. 17, 1907.
- b\*\* Velma Marcella Corwin, b. Sept. 30, 1909, m. Hauer Everhart Howell, Aug. 1, 1925. Divorced Sept. 1944.





Child:

a\*\*\*Merla Augusta Howell, b. Sept. 1927, m.  
Francis Aloyiceus Gilchrist, Jan. 31, 1948.

Children:

a\*\*\*Frances Charrel Gilchrist, b. Apr. 11,  
1949.

b\*\*\*Bruce Charles Gilchrist, b. Mar. 31,  
1951.

b\* Mary Aleen Webb, d. Jan. 18, 1892.

c\* John Edward Reese Webb, d. Mar. 3, 1902.

d\* William Avery Handy Marcellus Webb, b. Feb. 2, 1893, m.  
Edna Mae Henman, May 17, 1916.

Children:

a\*\*Mary Angela Webb, b. Nov. 15, 1919. m. Thurman  
Travers Carmean, Apr. 3, 1942.

Children:

a\*\*\*Gerald Thurman Carmean, b. Feb. 19, 1946.

b\*\*\*John Wayne Carmean, b. Mar. 16, 1950.

b\*\*William Hiram Elwood Webb, b. May 5, 1924, m. June  
Truitt, Dec. 16, 1950.

Children:

a\*\*\*William Avery Webb, b. Jan. 16, 1951.

b\*\*\*Lori Ann Webb, b. Jan. 3, 1960.

c\*\*Walter Avery Webb, b. Mar. 20, 1928. m. Anne  
Elizabeth Hammond, July 22, 1950.

Children:

a\*\*\*Jeffery Lee Webb, b. Sept. 9, 1951.

b\*\*\*Pamela Ann Webb, b. Dec. 5, 1959.

d\*\*Edna Argene Webb, b. Oct. 29, 1933, m. William Ward,  
Feb. 1, 1957.

Children:

a\*\*\*William Glenn Ward, b. Oct. 4, 1959.

e\* Lillian Kate Webb, b. Apr. 14, 1898, m. LeRoy Morris,  
Oct. 8, 1917.

Children:

a\*\*John Albert Morris, b. Mar. 1, 1924, m. Nancy Davis,  
Divorce.

f\* Laura E. Virginia Webb, b. Mar. 3, 1896, m. Edward J.  
Jones, Nov. 28, 1927.

Children:

a\*\*Louella Jones, m. John R. Davis.

Children:

a\*\*\*Judy Davis.

b\*\*\*Jack Davis.

b\*\*Pauline Jones, m. John C. Massey. Divorces. m. 2nd.  
Raymond Thimbish.

c\*\*Edward Jones m. Virginia Esham.  
Divorced.

Children:

a\*\*\*Carolyn Jones.

b\*\*\*Marylin Jones.

(b) Napoleon Lassell Dennis, b. Mar. 13, 1871, d. Dec. 8, 1925, m.  
Olivia Lewis, 1880-1954.

Children:



- a\* William Ellwood Dennis, d. Apr. 9, 1900, age 8 mos. 28 days.
- (c) Effie Kate Belle Dennis, b. May 13, 1874, d. 1900, m. William I. Clayville.  
Children:
- a\* Marie Clayville, b. Aug. 27, 1900, m. William Harold Hastings.  
Children:
- a\*\* Lloyd Hastings b. Apr. 10, 1921.  
b\*\* Virginia Mae Hastings, b. Oct. 16, 1927.  
c\*\* Margaret Louise Hastings b. Sept. 13, 1930.  
d\*\* Herbert Donald Hastings, b. Mar. 16, 1938.
- b\* James Valentine Clayville b. 1908 m. Thelma R. May 23, 1950.  
Children:
- a\*\* Jerry James Clayville, b. Oct. 11, 1952.  
c\* Edward Clayville, b. Apr. 2, 1913, d. May 27, 1916.  
d\* Laura Mae Clayville, b. Apr. 10, 1903, d. Dec. 14, 1943, m. Howard L. Patey, Mar. 25, 1933.  
Children:
- a\*\* William Edward Patey, b. Aug. 17, 1936.  
b\*\* Herman Lee Patey, b. July 5, 1940.
- e\* Amanda Elizabeth Dennis Clayville, b. Sept. 24, 1910, m. Olin Derrickson Jones, Dec. 9, 1929.  
Children:
- a\*\* Gertrude Catherine Jones b. Nov. 26, 1931, m. Charles Lee Wilkins, Apr. 14, 1951.  
Children:
- a\*\*\* Cynthia Lee Wilkins b. Nov. 29, 1852.  
b\*\* Phyllis Ann Jones b. Def. 6, 1938.  
c\*\* Olin Derrickson Jones, Jr. b. Sept. 11, 1941, m. Lorretta Phillips, May 19, 1961  
d\*\* Morris Edward Jones, b. May 27, 1944.  
e\*\* Richard Wayne Jones b. Aug. 5, 1945.  
f\*\* Lane Holland Jones, b. July 5, 1947.
- f\* Ralph M. Clayville, b. Feb. 28, 1918, m. Virgie Donaway, Dec. 24, 1938. He d. July 10, 1953.
- g\* George Clayville, b. Aug. 4, 1906, m. Virginia Shockley, Feb. 11, 1928.  
Children:
- a\*\* George Lee Clayville, b. Feb. 9, 1937.
- (d) Laura Olivia Cordelia Dennis, b. May 22, 1876, d. Sept. 1952, m. Henry W. Jones.  
Children:
- a\* Harry Vernon Jones m. Ethel Kelly.  
Children:
- a\*\* Mary Frances Jones, b. Sept. 19, 1928, m. Dale Macon.  
Children:
- a\*\*\* Stephanie Lynn Macon, b. May 13, 1961.
- b\* Betty Ann Jones, b. Sept. 1, 1930, m. Joshua R. Holloway, Jr.  
Children:
- a\*\* Joshua R. Holloway, III.  
b\*\* Mark Vernon Holloway.
- c\* Marcella Jones m. Ossie B. Holland.  
a\*\* Roscoe Holland m. Alberta Adkins.





- b\*\*Margaret Holland m. Jack Riggin.  
Children:  
a\*\*\*Melba Riggin b. Aug. 12, 1952
- c\*\*Elizabeth Holland m. Herman Trader.  
Children:  
a\*\*\*Bruce Trader b. Apr. 30, 1956.  
b\*\*\*Keith Trader b. Mar. 7, 1960.
- d\* Elton Reese Jones m. Ruth Hammond.  
Children:  
a\*\*Clarissa Lena Jones b. Dec. 10, 1930 m. John Andrew Linhard.  
Children:  
a\*\*\*Clarissa Ann Linhard b. Jan. 24, 1955.  
b\*\*\*John Andrew Linhard, Jr. b. May 12, 1957.  
c\*\*\*Joseph Elton Linhard b. Sept. 26, 1958.  
d\*\*\*Mary Martha Linhard b. Sept. 29, 1961.
- e\* William Henry Jones m. Patricia Ruth Kelly.  
Children:  
a\*\*Albert Reese Jones b. Mar. 23, 1960.  
b\*\*Kathleen Kelly Jones b. July 3, 1961.
- f\* Albert Anstine Jones m. Carrie J. White.  
Children:  
a\*\*Carole Sue Jones b. May 13, 1937 m. Robert Rogers.  
Children:  
a\*\*\*Caroline Dianna Rogers b. May 7, 1962.
- g\* Lloyd Clayton Jones m. Thelma Collins.  
Children:  
a\*\*Lloyd Clayton Jones, Jr. b. July 18, 1941.  
b\*\*Dianne Kay Jones b. Aug. 26, 1943.
- h\* Henry Walter Jones, Jr. m. Josephine Rayne.  
Children:  
a\*\*Peggy Louise Jones b. Apr. 29, 1930 m. Robert Wells.  
Children:  
a\*\*\*Drucilla Louise Wells b. Jan. 20, 1953.
- i\* Edna Laura Jones m. Lester Patey,  
a\*\*Robert Mitchel Patey b. Jan. 6, 1936, m. John Wilkins.  
Children:  
a\*\*\*Randy Mitchel Patey b. Nov. 28, 1956.  
b\*\*Walter Henry Patey b. Dec. 14, 1940, m. Patricia Joe Harrison.  
Children:  
a\*\*\*Teresa Lea Patey, b. Mar. 16, 1961.  
c\*\*\*David Allen Patey b. Oct. 26, 1953.
- j\* Agnes Elizabeth Jones m. Franklin Jones.  
Children:  
a\*\*Donald Richard Jones b. Mar. 1, 1938.  
b\*\*John Franklin Jones, Jr. b. June 21, 1939.  
c\*\*Suzanne Jones b. Apr. 9, 1942.  
d\*\*Patsy Fae Jones b. Aug. 29, 1947.
- (e) William Washington Lambert Norman Dennis b. Nov. 13, 1878, m. 1st Amanda Lewis in Jan. 1901. m. 2nd Hattie Ethel Lewis (b. July 28, 1886, d. Apr. 20, 1961) July 24, 1902.  
Children:





- a\* Melvin Dalton Dennis b. Sept. 24, 1909, d. July 16, 1961, m. Connie Chieffo in May 1941.\*\*\*
- b\* Elsie May Dennis b. Jan. 8, 1915, d. 37 yrs. of age. m. 1st Joseph Steele (1935) Divorced. m. 2nd Avery Jones.\*\*\*
- c\* Louis Reese Dennis b. May 30, 1906, m. Madeline Kelso, Oct. 2, 1933.\*\*\*
- (f) Edgar Littleton Dennis b. June 10, 1881, m. Bertha Gertrude Dennis of Allison (See, ante. Levin D. Dennis of Henry) b. Apr. 23, 1879, d. 1955.  
Children:
  - a\* Helen Gertrude Dennis b. Apr. 10, 1907, m. in 1938 William Henry Hancock, b. Feb. 23, 1909.  
Children:
    - a\*\*Henrietta Dennis Hancock, b. Oct. 29, 1942.
  - b\* Allison Sidney Dennis, b. Nov. 9, 1908, m. in 1940 Frances Tilghman, b. Feb. 4, 1918.  
Children:
    - a\*\*Leah Carol Dennis b. Sept. 16, 1942.
    - b\*\*Douglas Edgar Dennis b. Dec. 24, 1943.
    - c\*\*David Tilghman Dennis b. Jan. 1, 1945.
  - c\* Howard Edgar Dennis, b. Oct. 13, 1910, m. in 1940 Cora Parsons b. Sept. 6, 1915.  
Children:
    - a\*\*Sharon Elaine Dennis, b. Nov. 17, 1946.
  - d\* Lester Marcellus Dennis b. Feb. 17, 1913, d. Sept. 13, 1932. Unmarried.
  - e\* Mable Virginia Dennis b. Aug. 8, 1920, m. in 1939 Wallace Charles Gillis, b. Sept. 6, 1916.  
Children:
    - a\*\*Denise Wallis Gillis b. Mar. 15, 1951.
- (g) John Valentine Dennis \*\*\*  
and
- (h) Robert Anstine (Stiney) Dennis, twins b. Oct. 22, 1883.  
Robert Anstine Dennis m. Edna Parker Mar. 20, 1907.  
Children:
  - a\* Reese Marcellus Dennis b. Sept. 21, 1908 m. Esther Williams June 22, 1935.  
Children:
    - a\*\*Mary Jo Dennis b. May 18, 1937.
    - b\*\*Judith Ann Dennis b. Oct. 25, 1938.
    - c\*\*Mark Dennis b. Dec. 13, 1950.
  - b\* Robert Gray Dennis b. Feb. 23, 1910 m. Margie Elizabeth Smullen, Dec. 12, 1934.\*\*\*
  - c\* Mary Edna Dennis b. Nov. 5, 1912, d. Sept. 14, 1959, m. William Wesley Thomas, Sept. 8, 1934.  
Children:
    - a\*\*Richard Wesley Thomas b. Mar. 28, 1936, m. Florence Kelly Sinclair, Nov. 8, 1960.
    - b\*\*Edna Virginia Thomas b. July 2, 1940 m. Terry L. Chase, Mar. 6, 1961.
    - c\*\*Mary Carolyn Thomas b. Oct. 22, 1943, m. Hercule Bergeron, June 17, 1961.  
Children:
      - a\*\*\*Michael Anthony Bergeron, b. Mar. 2, 1962.
  - d\* Roscoe Anstine Dennis b. Jan. 15, 1915 m. Kathryn Shockley June 27, 1936.



Children:

a\*\*Penelope Ann Dennis b. July 9, 1947.

b\*\*Gregory Parker Dennis b. July 22, 1951.

e\* Laura Elizabeth Dennis b. Jan. 15, 1917, d. Mar. 3, 1917.

f\* Mildred Holland Dennis b. June 5, 1918, m. Clarence Edward Layton, Apr. 3, 1943.

Children:

a\*\*Edna Faye Layton b. June 2, 1948.

g\* Pauline Virginia Dennis, b. Sept. 16, 1920 m. Laurence Edward Gordy, Sept. 8, 1943.

Children:

a\*\*Michael Edward Gordy, b. Nov. 4, 1946.

b\*\*Dennis Welton Gordy, b. May 31, 1948.

c\*\*Rhonda Kay Gordy, b. Aug. 9, 1951.

d\*\*Belva Virginia Gordy, b. July 2, 1953.

e\*\*Abby Denise Gordy, b. July 16, 1955.

h\* John Franklin Dennis, b. Dec. 31, 1924, m. Bertha Mae Morris, July 26, 1946.

Children:

a\*\*Ada Roberta Dennis b. Sept. 13, 1947.

b\*\*Douglas Dennis b. Oct. 21, 1954,

(i) Lawrence Marcellus Dennis b. Mar. 24, 1886, d. Feb. 21, 1955 was twice married.

Children:

a\* Dorothy Dennis m. Schulze\*\*\*

b\* Lawrence M. Dennis, Jr. \*\*\*

f. Amanada Elizabeth Dennis, b. Nov. 12, 1841, d. Feb. 28, 1923. She was a school teacher and author of a volume of poems long out of print. unmarried. \*\*

g. Cordelia Sarah Dennis, b. June 1845, d. Oct. 1891. \*

2. James Dennis was buried in the cemetery of All Hallows Episcopal Church at Snow Hill. The tombstone states merely that he died Oct. 1, 1850, aged 80 yrs. and 9 mos. This would place his birth on Jan. 1, 1770. He was buried beside his daughter Maria Johnson, who "died Aug. 28, 1834 in the 25th year of her age." This would place her birth in 1809. The marriage records of Worcester Co. show that she was married to Thomas D. Johnson, June 15, 1831. From this union, however, there appears to have been but one child, Cordelia M. Johnson who lived in Baltimore in 1848 and who afterward married Dr. Collins and died without issue.

Worcester Co. marriage records show that James Dennis m. Sarah Maddux, Apr. 5, 1805. If it was this James, she was the mother of some of his children born before his second marriage. From the same source: "James Dennis of Valentine married Sally Hindman of James", June 21, 1810 .. This is definite enough. He may have had another previous wife for he was 35 yrs. old by the date of the marriage of Sarah Maddux. There were other James Dennises of this generation.

In the cemetery and near his grave is that of Julia Ann Dennis, b. July 14, 1806, d. Aug. 10, 1835, wife of:

1. John S. Dennis \*

who appears to have been his son. This is the only entry that the writer has of John S. Dennis and if he was the son of James, he must have died without issue before 1848 for there is no mention of him or any child of his in James' will.





James Dennis left a will which was made Nov. 27, 1848, and proven Nov. 1, 1850. It is recorded in Liber LPS No. 1, p. 436 (W). In it, he bequeathed property to his:

Daughter, Louisa Bishop, wife of George Bishop.

Sallie Maria Bishop.

Daughter, Charlotte J. Hack

Grandchildren: Cordelia M. Johnson.

James D. Hack

Selby Virginia Hack

Louisa Hack

James left no male heirs.

Children in addition to John S. Dennis.

2. Louisa C. Dennis b. July 20, 1806, d. Dec. 25, 1860, m. Nov. 21, 1839, George Bishop, b. 1811, d. Feb. 25, 1868.

Children:

- (1) Sallie Bishop m. George W. Covington, b. Sept. 12, 1838, d. Apr. 6, 1911, son of Isaac and Amelia Franklin Covington.

Children:

- a. George B. Covington, b. June 28, 1860, d. Feb. 28, 1911, Attorney-at-law, Snow Hill, Md. \*

- b. Harry F. Covington, b. Apr. 6, 1870, d. July 16, 1928, m. Upshur, dau. of Geo. W. Upshur, Snow Hill, Md. No issue. \*\*

He was Professor of English Literature at Princeton University for many years.

- c. Louisa Covington, Snow Hill, Md. \*\*

- d. Arthur Covington, d. in infancy. \*\*

- (2) James Dennis Bishop, b. Feb. 8, 1850, d. Aug. 20, 1850. \*\* Sallie Maria Bishop was the third wife of John Bishop and was the daughter of William Pitts and Erixine Sarah Purnell.

Why this bequest was made is not known. She had four children:

Claude Bishop

Harold Bishop

Robins Bishop

Lou Bishop

She had, also, one brother and two sisters, namely:

Charlotte Ann Purnell, m. John W. Pitts.

William James Purnell, m. Charlotte Hughlett.

Josephine Pitts Purnell, m. Lewis Dilworth and was living with Samuel M. Quillen, Jr. in Salisbury, Md. at the time that she furnished me with this information.

- (3) Marea Dennis, b. 1809, d. Aug. 28, 1834, m. Thomas D. Johnson, June 15, 1831.

Children:

- (1) Cordelia M. Johnson, m. Dr. Collins.

No issue. \*\*

- (4) Charlotte James Dennis, b. Dec. 22, 1813, d. Jan. 27, 1902, m. Cave James Hack, b. July, 13, 1809, d. Sept. 23, 1844, son of Peter Hack and Sallie Upshur of Accomack Co., Va.

Children:

- (1) James D. Hack, b. Jan. 1, 1838, d. Aug. 15, 1918, m. 1st Carrie E. Ballard.

Children:

- a. Ella Hack, m. Eugene Riggins of California. No issue.





- b. Carrie Hack, m. Wm. F. King, formerly Cashier of the Pocomoke City National Bank and President of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, Cape Charles, Va.

Children:

- (a) Elouise King, m. Brooks Mapp, Attorney-at-Law, Keller, Va.

Children:

- a\* Wm. K. Mapp, Keller, Va. \*

- (b) Wm. F. King, Jr. \*

- c. Charlotte Hack. \*

- d. Lottie Hack, b. Nov. 9, 1861, d. Nov. 17, 1887, m. O.D. Henderson. \*

- e. Glen Hack, m. Mary Onley.

Children:

- (a) Thornton Hack

- (b) Joris Hack, 1509 S. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. (The writer's last information.)

These two boys went to California early in life.

This detail about the Hacks came from Mary Onley Hack after she moved to California. Her brother, Lemuel Onley had been Sheriff of Worcester Co. and another brother, Tom Onley m. Margaret Corbin, a granddaughter of John Dennis of Thomas of Johnson. See, ante. For more about the Hacks, see, VES and "Hacks Neck" by James Egbert Mears.

- f. Mary Virginia Hack, b. May 20, 1869, d. July 7, 1870. \*\*

- m. 2nd Clara G. Dashiell. No issue. \*\*

- (2) S. Virginia Hack died unmarried. \*\*

- (3) Louisa Hack m. Edward Boehm. \*\*

Children:

- a. Harold Boehm \*

- b. Lewis Boehm \*

They lived in California. \*

3. Littleton Dennis of Valentine II, d. in 1802. His will was pro. Oct. 12, 1802, James Dennis, Ex. made bond Oct. 13, 1802 and filed Dec. 14, 1802. Passed Aug. 5, 1804. He left "everything to his brother James Dennis" who was Executor. It appears that he was unmarried and had no children. See, (W) JCR 1, p. 342. \*\*

II. Parker Dennis' estate was administered by Esther Dennis who made bond Jan. 1, 1768 with Isaac Kellam and Darby Riffin, bondsmen. She must have been his widow and she did not live long for May 1, 1770 William Bennett qualified for administrator with James Martin and Levin Hopkins bondsmen. Wor. Co. Adm. Accts. 65. No children mentioned. \*\*

III. Jesse Dennis d. 1764. His wife, Hannah Dennis, qualified for Administratrix, Sept. 14, 1764, with Francis Allen and Stephen Hall bondsmen. Inv. Oct. 18, 1764; Oath Dec. 2, 1764 by Hannah McNeal "late Dennis." She had m. promptly to a McNeal, possibly Archibald or John. She gave as nearest kin Parker Dennis, see ante, and Molley Dennis, his sister, see post. There survived one child:





1. Littleton Dennis, who, at April Court 1783, was designated "age 19, " "orphan of Jesse Dennis" was bound to Levin Long. Probably Hannah was dead. This is the last entry. For Levin Long, see ante. Elizabeth Taylor of Margaret Dennis of Donnock. He was a cousin of this Littleton Dennis. \*\*
- IV. John Dennis. In his will, Valentine I, directed his executor to arrange to have his son John bound out until he became of age. That was Apr. 10, 1759. No such action which would give his age, has been found. As noted above, the John Dennis who was in Capt. Stewart's Co. Wor. Co. Militia, July 15, 1780 was probably he. There are no later entries. \*
- V. "Tabby" Dennis. See: CP Records: Rowland Levans and Tabitha Dennis were married, Sept. 22, 1765.  
Children: Also CP.
  1. Mary Bevans, b. Aug. 19, 1766. \*
  2. Mill Bevans (Milburn), b. Mar. 30, 1771. \*
- VI. Molley Dennis \*
- VII. Nelly Dennis \*  
It appears that all of the living descendants of Valentine Dennis, in the male line are descended through his grandson Valentine Dennis, III, who died in 1826.
7. Lazarus Dennis m. Elinor Parker, dau. of Tabitha Parker of Worcester Co. See, her will pro. Oct. 4, 1745 (LO) Maryland Marriage Reference Liber 24, or 25 of Wills, f. 227 or 277. See: Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. 6. He was Insign (2nd Lt.) in Capt. Joshua Sturgis' Co., Md. Colonial Militia, in 1748. After the death of his first wife he m. "Sarah Dennis Dennis my wife and relative" who was a daughter of Donnock Dennis, Jr. and his wife, Sarah. He d. 1754 and his will (W) JW 2, p. 138 was made Sept. 12, pro. Nov. 16, 1754, wife Sarah Dennis, Ex. Bequests were made to the following:  
Children:
  - I. John Dennis, the land on which he lived and which was bequeathed to him by his father in his last will and testament. He d. in 1755 and his estate was administrated by William Dennis. Oath was made Nov. 28, 1755, naming William and Solomon as nearest of kin. No issue is mentioned. \*
  - II. Leah Dennis m. Walter Lane, May 5, 1762 (CP).  
Children: Also CP.
    1. Thomas Lane, b. Aug. 21, 1762. \*
    2. James Lane, b. May 2, 1764. \*
  - III. Suphian Dennis \*
  - IV. Shadrack Dennis, d. 1796, (A) He sold the land that he had inherited to Wm. Allen (W) Liber G p. 457 and K p. 135 in 1777 and in 1772 he bought property in Accomack Co., Va. between Stockton, Md. and Horntown, Va. along the Maryland state line. VES, A182, p. 1370, 231 acres. He m. Esther Marshall, dau. of Daniel Marshall and his wife, Sarah, widow of Thomas Welburn. Daniel was the son of John Marshall, (d. 1733) who married Anabella Toft, widow of Francis Lee who had died in London by 1691. Esther was a cousin of Daniel of St. Thomas Janifer who was a signed of the Constitution of the U.S. from Maryland. See (A) Wills. Sally Dennis' will made Nov. 29, 1803, probated Mar. 28, 1825. She bequeathed to her brother's children, Shadrack D. Marshall, and to her "three sisters' children": Betsy Corbin, Hester Knox and Leah Cluff. (A) Marriage records: Levin





Marshall m. Esther Dennis June 5, 1783 by William Downing. This accounts for Shadrack Dennis Marshall. VES says that Levin Marshall "disappeared;" evidently he and his wife were dead before 1803, but there were plenty of Marshalls left between New Church and Horntown. The Knox and Cluff families have not been followed. Sally bequeathed to her brother's children; the writer has no information on these Dennis. No male issue is known to be living. See: Diagram of "THE DESCENDANTS OF DR. GEORGE CORBIN" by Lynn Perry.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Dennis, b. Feb. 2, 1782, d. Aug. 2, 1839, m. The Reverend Ralph Brodwater Corbin.

Children:

- (1) Littleton Dennis Corbin, b. Feb. 6, 1810, d. Sept. 25, 1885, m. Mary Hinman of Elijah July 13, 1842.

Children:

- a. Mollie G. Corbin, m. Joseph William Taylor, Dec. 19, 1877. \*\*
- b. Daniel D. Corbin, m. Marcie L. Nock, Dec. 12, 1882. \*
- c. Betsy Anne Corbin, m. Joseph William Taylor, Jan. 3, 1884.

Children:

- (a) Emmitt G. Taylor, Sr. See, ante: John Dennis of E. W.
- d. Littleton J. Corbin, m. Carrie C. Marsley, Oct. 21, 1891. \*
- e. Laura Corbin \*
- f. Matilda Corbin \*

- (2) Edward Thomas Corbin, m. Ann Connor of Frederick, Nov. 24, 1836.

Children:

- a. George Corbin \*
- b. Arinthia Corbin, m. Solomon Warner \*
- c. Annie R. Corbin, m. Peter H. O. Mason \*

- (3) Capt. Peter Dennis Corbin, m. Charlotte Milligan of John, Nov. 20, 1828.

Children:

- a. Sarah Ann Corbin, m. The Reverend J. T. Adkins. \*
- b. John W. Corbin, m. Sallie Floyd Bruff. No issue. \*\*
- c. Ralph J. Corbin \*
- d. Charles W. Corbin, m. Mary Smith of George \*. Issue. \*
- e. Othelia F. Corbin, m. Capt. Rubin E. Swift, No Issue. \*\*
- f. Peter Dennis Corbin, m. .... Tyler, No Issue. \*\*
- g. Thomas H. Bayley Corbin, m. Margaret Parker. \*
- h. H. A. W. Corbin. No issue. \*\*
- g. and h. were twins.

- (4) Elizabeth Dennis Corbin, m. 1st John Evans, 2nd, Peter T. East; issue by the 2nd marriage.

- (5) Ralph Dennis Corbin, b. Apr. 12, 1803, d. Oct. 19, 1815. \*\*

- (6) Esther Corbin, b. Jan. 5, 1805, d. Aug. 19, 1822. \*\*

- (7) Ann Corbin, b. Mar. 19, 1815, d. Oct. 24, 1824. \*\*

2. Esther Dennis, m. Levin Marshall, June 5, 1783. (A).

Children:

- (1) Shadrack Dennis Marshall. \*

3. Hester Dennis, m. .... Knox. Issue. \*





4. Leah Dennis, m. . . . . Cluff. Issue. \*
5. Sally Dennis, d. 1815. Unmarried. \*
8. Wheatley Dennis. After the death of his mother for whom he was Administrator (W) Apr. 12, 1757, he died by Jan. 17, 1757/8, leaving a will (W). The estate seems to have been closed by Nov. 1762. See, (LO) Maryland Marriage Ref. Adm. Accts. of Capt. Abraham Outten, Liber 33, f 120, Sept. 2, 1752. Rhoda, daughter of Wheatley Dennis m. Capt. Abraham Outten. Wheatley of William died soon after; his mother, Rhoda, was his Executor of his will and the will did not mention any wife or children. See, ante: William of Donnock. It appears that the Rhoda that married Capt. Abraham Outten was the daughter of Wheatley of John. See, also: (LO) Maryland Marriage Ref., Will of Philip Quinton, wife Ansley, of Worcester Co. pro. Mar. 21, 1750. Liber 27 of Wills, f 536. Wheatley Dennis m. Elizabeth Quinton of Philip and Ansley. Elizabeth m. 1st a Holland, apparently Benjamin, who was d. by 1739 and Elizabeth Holland with Samuel and Collins Adams administered to the estate of Benjamin Holland that year. Their children were:

William Holland and

Sophia Holland who m. Philip Matthews, Nov. 26, 1747. (CP) and Wheatley Dennis became guardian for the two children. She m. 2nd Wheatley Dennis and it appears that she was dead by 1750. Wheatley Dennis may have been married before. They had the following children:

- I. Benjamin Dennis. See, post.
- II. Ezekiel Dennis. \*
- III. A daughter who m. Joshua Hill \*  
See also: "William Holland, deceased, ordered Henry Holland and Nehemiah Holland, the younger, to sell the plantation he lived on and to divide the money. Now they deed the land to John Dennis, the younger, Wor. Co. "Security" on the east side of the Pocomoke River, was the highest bidder. 1753- 400 A. See, Liber E. p. 385, 1762. John did not keep "Security" very long. This was not the "Security" in Acquango Hd. that was owned by Valentine Dennis, 125 A.

- I. Benjamin Dennis was a Captain in the Worcester County Militia, Revolutionary War. He was an Attorney-at-Law and a large land owner when he died in 1812 and left a will (W) MH 10, p. 81, dated July 29, 1808. He intended Wheatley Dennis to be his Executor but he died and his wife qualified Feb. 14, 1815, made bond Mar. 25, 1815. In his will Capt. Benjamin Dennis bequeathed, in the following order, to his:

1. Son Benjamin Dennis
2. Daughter Leah Fooks
3. " Ann Johnson
4. " Betsy Dennis. (Mary Elizabeth).
5. Son James Dennis
6. Son Wheatley Dennis, Ex.

His widow "Lissa" d. 1813 and left a will (W) MH 10, p. 7, made July 2, 1813, pro. Aug. 6, 1813 in which she bequeathed to her children, 2, 3, 4 and 6 above and added one other daughter:

7. Sarah Atkinson

1. Benjamin Dennis of Benjamin was dead by 1813. His will was filed Sept. 17, 1813 and passed Feb. 14, 1827. He bequeathed to his daughter (1) Mary Elizabeth Dennis, \*





to his brother, James Dennis, and to his brother Wheatley's two children: James William Dennis and John T. Dennis, and to his sister, Sally Atkinson, and her son, William Law Atkinson.

2. Leah Dennis m. James Fooks. See: Fooks Family, p. 233.
3. Ann Johnson \*
4. "Betty" (Mary Elizabeth) Dennis, m. (W) William Atkinson, July 7, 1810. \*
5. James Dennis \*
6. Wheatley Dennis, m. Nancy F. Bennett (W) Dec. 14, 1802 and was dead by May 20, 1814 when his widow made bonds. She d. 1846 leaving a will made June 4, 1844, pro. Nov. 16, 1846. (W) LPS No. 1, p. 336. She bequeathed to her two sons and to their children:
  - (1) James William Dennis and his children:
    - a. Juliann (or Julia Ann) Dennis \*
    - b. George W. Dennis \*
    - c. John R. Dennis \*
    - d. Wheatley Dennis \*
    - e. James Dennis \*
    - f. Nancy F. Dennis \*
  - (2) John T. Dennis and his children:
    - a. Caroline Dennis \*
    - b. Adolphus Dennis \*
    - c. Alonzo Dennis \*
7. Sally (or Sarah) Dennis, m. John Atkinson, Nov. 12, 1804. (W). Children:
  - (1) William Law Atkinson. \*
8. Daniel Dennis was mature when he was fined for assault at June Court 1741 (S). He and his brother, Solomon, inherited Fleurberry from their father and he sold his part to Benjamin Dennis, Oct. 8, 1769. (W) Liber M p. 235. He was assessed quit rent on this land from 1756 to 1771. No record of a marriage or inventory of his estate has been found. Likely he had no survivors. \*
9. Solomon Dennis m. Sarah (W) Liber A p. 92, June 10, 1743 at which date he must have been mature. He was the last mentioned in his father's will and if he was the youngest, he must have been born C. A. 1722 when his father was 46 years of age. He was assessed quit rent on Fleurberry from 1745-1771. He survived his wife and left a will (W) JW4 p. 517, Feb. 14, 1783 in which he bequeathed to his daughter:
  - I. Elizabeth Minchon his property until she became married and to his granddaughter:
    1. Mary Minchon indicating that Elizabeth was a widow. \*
  - II. Daughter, Sarah James who Judge Dennis thought to have been a son, James. \*
  - III. Son, George Dennis, who appeared in the records a few times and could be confounded with George Dennis of Johnson. He might have migrated. \*

And finally he bequeathed to Yelverton Peyton Probate.

The motive behind this bequest is not clear. The will was witnessed by Yelverton Peyton Probate, Benjamin Dennis, and William Selby designated as his "trusty friends". His descendants have not been traced further.





DESCENDANTS  
of the  
TWO YOUNGEST DAUGHTERS of  
DONNOCK and ELLICE DENNIS

Katherine Dennis of Donnock married Hugh Porter who died c.a. 1717. See, Md. Calendar of Wills, Vol. 4, p. 155. Will made May 28, 1709, pro. Aug. 23, 1717. Bequeathed to his wife, Katherine, and to his eldest son:

1. John Porter and to his daughter
  - I. Mary Porter \*
2. Son, Hugh Porter and his children. He married his cousin, a daughter of Jeremiah Morris.
  - I. Rachel Porter \*
  - II. Elizabeth Porter \*
3. Son, Joshua Porter \*
4. Son, William Porter, See, Md. Calendar of Wills, Vol. VIII, p. 209. Will made Mar. 13, 1743, pro. Apr. 21, 1743. He was a brother to Francis. Bequests were made to James Brodwaters, to his wife, to his sons:
  - I. Hugh Porter \*
  - II. William Porter \*
  - III. James Porter \*
  - IV. Alexander Porter m. Ann Beauchamp, Dec. 5, 1759. (CP). Children:
    1. William Porter, b. Nov. 6, 1760. (CP). \*
  - V. Machmiss (Mackemie?) (Porter) \* Daughters:
    - VI. Anna Porter \*
    - VII. Mary Porter \*
    - VIII. Cady (Katie) Porter \*
5. Son, Francis Porter \*
  - His (Hugh's) grandson, Daniell Donnohow. \*

Katherine Dennis m. 2nd. Jacob Adams of Thomas of Philip by 1719. He was b. Dec. 16, 1677, m. 1st Ann Collins. She was dead by 1713. So far as is known, Katherine bore him no children. He was dead by 1745 and she survived him.

Porters listed in Coventry Parish Records.

Births:

Elizabeth, dau. of John and Margaret, b. May 18, 1757.  
Mackiamia, son of Matthew and Mary Virdin, b. July 13, 1753.  
Catty (Katie) dau. of Matthew and Mary Virdin, b. Apr. 10, 1756.  
Betty, dau. of Matthew and Mary Virdin, b. Apr. 23, 1758.  
William, son of Alexander and Ann Beauchamp, b. Nov. 6, 1760.  
Margaret, dau. of John and Margaret, b. Feb. 25, 1761.

Marriages:

Henry and Mary Wood, Sept. 26, 1750  
John and Margaret Baird, Apr. 1, 1756  
Matthew and Mary Virdin, Jan. 8, 1752  
Alexander and Ann Beauchamp, Dec. 15, 1759  
John White and Rebecca Porter, May 20, 1744

Births:





John White, son of John and Rebecca Porter, Sept. 22, 1745.  
 Molley White, dau. of " " " " Feb. 15, 1746/7.  
 Nelly White, " " " " " " May 27, 1749.

Eleanor Dennis, m. Jeremiah Morris. See: Will of Donnock Dennis. They had one daughter that married her cousin, Hugh Porter and had issue. The Morris line has not been followed by the writer.

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## A P P E N D I X

### I.

#### Dennis - Parker

From Mrs. W. H. Tilghman

See: (W) Liber L, folio 121, Apr. 26, 1785. Deed from Stephen Dikes, et als. to Peter Gordy.

"Stephen Dikes and Betty, his wife, Josiah Dennis and Nelly, his wife, John Dennis and Sarah, his wife, Leonard Gordy and Elizabeth, his wife. . . . ."

"Whereas: George Parker Jun. father of the wives of Stephen Dikes, Josiah Dennis, John Dennis and Leonard Gordy, was in his lifetime siezed with two tracts of land, 'Parson's Hard Fortune' containing 193 acres and 'Parker's Addition' containing 25 acres: now they all sell it to Peter Gordy . . . . ."

### II.

#### Dennis - Lewis

From the Bible of Ephraim Wilson Dennis (1810-1880).

#### Marriages:

"Ephraim W. Dennis and Mary Ann Lewis was married the 20th of March, 1836."

#### Births:

"Ephraim W. Dennis son of Henry and Elizabeth Dennis was borned September the 30th 1810."

"Mary Ann daughter of Nancy and Robert Lewis was borned March 26th 1817."

#### Deaths:

"Mary A. Dennis, wife of Ephraim Dennis died July 29th 1863."

"Ephraim W. Dennis departed this life Feb. 13, 1880."

#### Worcester Co. Md. Records:

Will of James Lewis Sr. Liber MH No. 4, p. 309. Proven Jan. 3, 1812. Witnesses: John Dennis and George Truitt. Names his sons, Jesse Lewis, Milbrown (also spelled Millbrin) Lewis, his daughters, Mary Littleton, Rebecca Lewis and his wife, Polly to be Executrix.

"On Jan. 20, 1812, Polly Lewis renounced her claim to take her One-third dowre." Witnessed by Johnson Dennis and George Dennis.

All of these Dennises were the widow's brothers, sons of Johnson Dennis.



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May Court 1814 Worcester County  
Order for the sale of the real estate of . . . . .  
James Lewis, Sr.

To Thos. Littleton, a tract of land "Neglect or My Neglect" - for 50 acres @ 2.55 per acre 50 acres more or less		\$ 127.50 30.00 <hr/> 157.50 32.59 <hr/> 190.9-1/2
To John Parsons "Land of Promise" 3.03 acres		
To Isaac Lewis, son of James 1/8	17.80	
" Margaret, wife of Zadok Lewis	17.80	
" Polly, wife of Thos. Littleton	17.80	
" Jesse Lewis	17.80	
" Milbourn Lewis	17.80	
" Rebecca Lewis	17.80	
To Ann Dennis' children, viz.		
Daniel Dennis 1/2 of 1/3	2.22-1/2	
Peggy, wife of Job Truitt	2.22-1/2	
Sally, wife of George Truitt	2.22-1/2	
Johnson Dennis	2.22-1/2	
Henry Dennis	2.22-1/2	
Annanias Dennis	2.22-1/2	
Isaac Dennis	2.22-1/2	
Purnell I. Dennis	2.22-1/2	17.80
To the Children of James Lewis, Jr.		
Elizabeth, wife of Edward Littleton	2.22-1/2	
Ann, wife of Elijah Cherry	2.22-1/2	
Hulde Lewis	2.22-1/2	
Selby Lewis	2.22-1/2	
Peggy Lewis	2.22-1/2	
Sally Lewis	2.22-1/2	
James Lewis	2.22-1/2	
Patty Lewis	2.22-1/2	17.80

COMMENT:

These listings are probably accurate.

Thos. Littleton married Polly Lewis, Dec. 23, 1803.

John Parsons married Elizabeth Dennis of John, Jan. 21, 1806.

Jesse Lewis went west, but his estate was settled by his nephew

James Lewis who married Nelly Pennewell, Sept. 9, 1817. See: Liber MH 1, p. 253.

Ann Dennis' children are the children of Henry Dennis by his 1st wife as shown in his will Liber LPS No. 1, p. 403, with the exception of Isaac Dennis who was probably dead when this will was made in 1833. Isaac married Sally Timmons, Jan. 4, 1822, or Nancy Parsons, Feb. 21, 1823 or both of them. His descendants have not been listed. \*\*\*





The above James Lewis, Sr. survived his son James Lewis, Jr. whose will, made Sept. 18, 1807, was proven Oct. 16, 1807. In it he bequeathed to his sons, James Lewis and Selby Lewis, and his daughters as enumerated above. His wife was Sarah who survived him.

Marriage records of Worcester Co. indicate that Sally Lewis m. John Lewis, Oct. 15, 1819. James Lewis m. Nelly Pennewell, Sept. 9, 1917 and migrated to the west.

Not finding any evidence of a Robert Lewis, this search was suspended. They were in Worcester county during the Revolutionary War and it is likely that they came from Accomack county, Va. where they were early settlers. There would be no point in going back any further unless a father for Robert can be found.

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## MISCELLANEA

The land records of Worcester county contain some entries of land being bought or sold by a Dennis the ancestry of whom cannot be placed except by a more critical examination of the land descriptions in the deed.

1. See, Liber I, p. 493. Nov. 2, 1774. John Dennis of Littleton purchased from Thomas Lambden, "Long Acre" between the Pocumoke river and Dividing creek. Littleton Dennis (1728-1774) was dead and left a son, John b. 1771. This little boy would not be purchasing land and we have no information of any Dennis intermarriage with the Lambdens. Littleton Dennis (1728-1774) m. Susanna Upshur in 1754. (McMaster). He was 46 years old.

Question: Was Susanna his second wife and this John Dennis of Littleton a son by a former wife? If not, there must have been a Littleton Dennis of Donnock, Jr. or of William, who was born and died without record and left this son, John and perhaps others.

2. William Dennis sold land which he had inherited from his grandfather, Donnock, to Joseph Allen, March 4, 1747. Liber A, p. 483 (W), but he owned "Edward's Lot" and 100 acres of "Bersheba" which he willed to his son, Wheatley, when he died in 1757, naming also his son, Lazarus, and his widow, Rhoda, Ex. (W) JW 2, p. 183, made Sept. 16, 1757, pro. Feb. 1758, passed Aug. 1763. A few years later, Wheatley died leaving a will (W) JW 3, p. 169 pro. Sept. 8, 1768, leaving all to his two sisters, Mary and Tiporah, and his mother Rodah, Ex. There are no further known entries for Rhoda, Mary or Tiporah. Seven years later, May 5, 1775, (W) Liber I, p. 599, Shalmanezzer Dennis conveyed this property to Valentine Dennis II. No wife. This is the only entry for Shalmanezzer Dennis. Was he the son of Wheatley of William, a widower when he died? Probably. No entry has been noticed about the marriage of Wheatley or his brother or sisters or the remarriage of his mother. If he had been an infant son of William and Rhoda in 1757, he could have inherited after the death of his mother, sisters, and brother, jointly with all other living brothers and sisters, children of William. There does not appear to have been any joint ownership. It has been considered that he was the last of William's male line and, insofar as known, the last of that line.

3. Josiah Dennis, b. June 3, 1756, m. Nellie Parker of George Parker, Jr. Jan. 21, 1778 (W) Liber L, f 121, Apr. 26, 1785. Assessed with "Collins Delight" 150 acres in 1783. Not mentioned in the Census of 1790, d. after June 7, 1839. "Collins Delight" afterward came into the possession of John Dennis of Johnson. See, his will (W) MH 27, p. 492, made June 25, 1828. These two were brothers-in-law but an entry to show that they were brothers has not been found.

To qualify for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the following has been copied from the Morgan Co., Ga. Court records, September Term, 1839.

Declaration of Josiah Dennis in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.





STATE OF GEORGIA  
MORGAN COUNTY

September Term 1839  
Superior Court in and for the  
County of Morgan on this  
Fifth Day of September, per-  
sonally appeared

in open Court before the Superior Court for the said County, now sitting, Josiah Dennis, a resident of the 282 District Georgia Militia in the County of Morgan and State of Georgia, age eighty-three years and three months on the third day of this month, September aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein states: to wit - John Pope Mitchell, Capt. Daniel Tookes 1st Lt., John Farlow, 2nd Lt. does not recollect the names of the field officers, but was mustered into the service of the United States by Adjut Hamilton Carilow or Carilo ( \* \* can't read) at Princess Anne in Somerset County Maryland after having marched from Snowhill in Worcester County in said State last aforesaid. Does not recollect the year or month that he was mustered into the service of the United States, not having any documentary evidence to refer to, but it was in warm weather -but because of the length of the time that has intervened the exact time of entering the service has departed from his memory, but he perfectly recollects that it was at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, served at least two months in this first tour of duty, recollects having served something longer, but his recollection does not serve him as to positive dates and times he prefers petitioning for the shortest time, does not recollect the exact month and year that he left the service; was never in any engagement, but was stationed at Princess Ann to guard that place from the inroads of the British forces and particularly to protect a windmill that was expected to be attacked by the enemy. He lived in the County of Worcester in the State of Maryland when he entered the service of the United States and volunteered and served as a volunteer the whole time. He volunteered at the (looks like TRAP) and marched to Snowhill in Worcester County and from that place to Princess Ann where he was stationed as aforesaid. Marched and served with a company of the United States soldiers that were commanded by Captain Watkins and also another commanded by Capt. Gunby, served as a private soldier and was not employed at any time during the above stated time of service in any civil employment or pursuit. While stationed at Princess made several tours by Wicomico River to the seaboard to the Trap and other places to scour the county.

Though the declarant only served the term as above specified after that time ceased, or in other words when the immediate experience of the case was over he was permitted to return to his home under the consideration of his being considered a minute man to return to duty at a moment's warning and was accordingly called out several times at which times he performed the marching from Wicomico to the Trap on the Seaboard last above mentioned.

That in his second tour of service he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Served as volunteer under Capt. Robert Handy on the Wicomico River (does not recollect exactly the time he was mustered into the service of the United States, but recollecting that it was between one and two years after he was married to his wife of which circumstance he has a record - to wit on the 21st day of January













length of his service in either tour as stated in the above declaration, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the period mentioned in the above declaration and in the grades stated - to wit - as a private soldier and for such service that he claims a pension  
Sworn to and subscribed

Josiah Dennis

State of Georgia                      We, Earnest L. Wittich, a minister of the Gospel town  
County of Morgan                      of Madison and in the County of Morgan and state aforesaid, and Elijah E. Jones and John C. Rees (?) and George Spence residing in the same County and state hereby certify that we are all acquainted with Josiah Dennis who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 83 years old, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.  
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this the day and year aforesaid.

Ernest L. Wittiche

Elijah E. Jones

John C. Rees

George Spence

State of Georgia  
County of Morgan                      The said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogies prescribed by the War Department that the above-named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he stated. The Court further certifies that it appears that Earnest L. Wittiche who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman or minister of the Gospel resident in the town of Madison and County and State aforesaid and that Elijah E. Jones, John C. Rees and George Spence who have also signed the same are residents in said County and State aforesaid and are such of them creditable persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

Carleton B. Cole

Judge Superior Court of Georgia

State of Georgia  
County of Morgan                      I, John C. Rees, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said Court in the matter of the application of Josiah Dennis for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 5th day of Sept. 1839.

John C. Rees, Clerk

4. Mathias Dennis, Pvt. in Capt. Davis' Co. in the Worcester Co. Militia, July 15, 1780. Md. Mag. of History. This name has not been found in the land records of Worcester Co. but the notes of Thomas J. Scharf for 1783 indicate that he, with Henry and James Dennis, were securities for Johnson Dennis. Henry and James Dennis were Johnson's sons and he had other sons to act as security; why he chose Mathias is not clear. There is nothing to substantiate the reliability of the following excerpt. If it is substantially accurate, there were and are Dennises in Worcester Co. who were not descended from Donnock.





DUBOSE, HON. JOEL C., Editor

(Notable Men of Alabama,  
(Personal and Genealogical  
(with Portraits - Atlanta, Ga.  
(Southern Historical Association.  
(1904.

The following DENNIS data was copied from the Genealogical sketch of the Cox family, beginning with a Mr. Cox of Montgomery, Alabama. It stated that Martha Elizabeth DENNIS of Putnam County, Georgia, the wife of William Cox, was a daughter of William Mathias Dennis (Mathias Dennis married Nancy Bernhardt of Hancock County, Ga.). It traces the DENNIS ancestry to a French origin. Martha Elizabeth Dennis, the mother of William Newton Cox was the daughter of William Mathias Dennis - who was born in Maryland and immigrated to South Carolina, where he remained for 4 years and then settled in Putnam County, Georgia. He was a gallant soldier in the war of 1812 and also served side by side with William Simeon Cox. The oldest son of William Mathias Dennis

was major Harvey Jackson Dennis who recently died at the age of 85 years - born 1819 Eatonton, Georgia.

Harvey J. Dennis served the Confederate cause ably and faithfully as a trusted officer of the Commissary Department, by providing provisions to sustain the Armies at the front.

Newton William Dennis of Dooly County, Ga., died of wounds at Gettysburg.

Thomas Ellsbury Dennis, of Texas, was killed in the same battle after having served gallantly as Confederate soldier for nearly four years previously.

MATHIAS DENNIS, the father of William Mathias Dennis, was a noted planter on the eastern shore of Maryland. Mathias Dennis, the father of William Mathias Dennis was born in Maryland, and died in South Carolina.

PETER (Pierre) DENNIS, the father of Mathias Dennis, was the founder of the Dennis family in America. He settled in Maryland and died there at the ripe old age of 115 years.

The Dennis Family - of French Huguenot origin. Francis Pierre Marie DeNis, the grandfather of Peter Dennis of Maryland, was a native of the Province of Gascony, South France, a member of the French Gentry and a minor landed proprietor there. He and his older brother Michael Dubois Jean Dennis were expelled from France after their lands had been confiscated because they were Protestants, and after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes by King Louis, the Fourteenth, of France, they refugeed to Dublin, Ireland, where they became goldsmiths and local bankers. In Ireland their old French name of "DeNis" was corrupted in spelling and pronunciation to DENNIS.





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Page 13 - Mary Elizabeth DeJarnette, married Nov. 10, 1881, William Leroy Turner, born July 10, 1855, died June 24, 1914 (Son of Joseph Addison and Louise Dennis Turner).

William was born at "Turnwold" his father's plantation near Eatonton, Ga. Joseph Turner was publisher of "The Country Man", the only paper ever published on a plantation during the Civil War. Here Joel Chandler Harris was taught the printers' trade and later wrote the folk tales "Uncle Remus" which a slave, George Terrell, told the Turner children. The "Little Boy" was William Turner's brother, Mike Dennis Turner, and "Miss Sally" was Louisa Dennis Turner. The Turners and DeJarnettes had neighboring plantations and were pioneers of Putnam County, Georgia.

5. Atkins Dennis lived on "Long Ridge" with William Dennis of Donnock, Jr. He purchased this fifty acres from William Killiam, Nov. 5, 1755 (W) Liber D, p. 33 and was assessed quit rent for the property from 1756 to 1759. He must have been a rather young man at the time for he served in Captain Horsey's Co., Worcester Co. Militia. See muster of July 15, 1780. The Census of 1790 credits him with two males over 16 yrs. of age and four females; looks like a grown son and three daughters. Benjamin Dennis of Atkins (in contradistinction of Benjamin of Captain Benjamin) appears in the records; in the Census of 1790 he is credited with one male over 16 yrs. of age and two females; looks like a young couple with one daughter. Atkins is not named in any will and died intestate. Perhaps he was a son of William. Dennises known to have been living about the time he must have been born, and dying intestate were Donnock of Donnock, Daniel and Donnock of John and we do not know that the last two were married. (W) Liber E, p. 416 shows that Atkins conveyed land in 1762 to

6. Thomas Dennis, Jr. If there was a Thomas Jr. there must have been a Thomas, Sr. These are the original Thomas Dennises and this is the only known entry. \*

7. William Dennis of Johnson mentioned in the notes of J. T. Scharf, 1783 with no land did not take the Oath of Fidelity in 1778, but he may have been the one who served in Captain Davis' Company, Revolutionary War. He is not mentioned in the Census of 1790 nor in the will of Johnson Dennis. He might have been dead when the will was made in 1811 and he may have married Polly Dukes, Feb. 6, 1799 (W). Any issue has not been determined.

8. William Dennis, Sr. may have been a brother of Johnson Dennis, but more likely the son of one of his contemporaries. He may have been the soldier. He owned "Hardship" in 1783, 75 acres. This same tract was sold by William and Betty Dennis to Henry Dennis, Sept. 15, 1807. This does not





appear to have been Henry of Johnson or Henry of Henry of Henry and this grantor does not appear to have been the groom of Polly, William Dennis, Jr. or William Dennis, Sr. \*

9. William Dennis, "the Quaker, master of the vessel Maer." See, OS p. 377-8. 1697. He was a mariner probably not a descendant of Donnock. \*

10. William Dennis, fifer, Smallwood's Regt. See, Md. Arch. Vol. 18, p. 121. (Ante) There is no other entry. \*

11. Joshua Dennis, He was a member of Capt. Davis' Co. Wor. Co. Militia, 1780, took the Oath of Fidelity in 1778, and was a pauper in 1783. \*

12. Zadok Dennis (Zadoc). He took the Oath of Fidelity in 1778. Mary Weatherly Dennis, daughter of Xadock and Nelly, born, Feb. 2, 1805 (Coventry Parish Records.) \*

13. Dunnick Dennis. See, Md. Arch. Vol. 18, pp. 22 and 102 (Ante). Unless he belonged in this family, probably he would not have this name. No other entry. \*

14. John Dennis, See, Md. Arch. Vol. p. 120. He died in 1778 and was the third of our line that appears to have been in Smallwood's Regt. Maryland Line. Was he John of Valentine? Or Lazarus? Or some other John? \*

15. John Dennis. Worcester County administrations: May 3, 1745. Catherine Wildman became Administrator for John Dennis with Duncan Murray and Arthur McAllen as sureties. The antecedents and descendants of this John Dennis have not been traced. Wheatley Dennis of John may have been married before he married Elizabeth Quinton Holland. This John certainly could have been a son of Wheatley by an unknown first wife or a son of Donnock, Jr. Who Catherine Wildman was is a mystery.

16. The writer hesitates to disclose the identity of the persons who have offered the following information about our early ancestors.

"John Dennis went from Poinotiers, France, to Scotland, where he married Mary Donnock. They were the parents of John Donnock Dennis who emigrated to the United States of America and settled on the Eastern shore of Maryland and whose wife was Ann Teackle."

16. Offered by another Dennis:

"Early records of the present Northampton Co., Va. show settlement there in 1625 of John Dennis (m. Barbara . . . .) (d. 1652) with frequent mention there down to a 1649 land grant in Northumberland Co., Virginia.

"This John had sons --- John Jr., Justinian and Donnock. Northumberland records have frequent mention of John, Jr. and Justinian (m. Katherine . . . . . 1656).

"Justinian, son of Justinian, Jr. got land grants 1668-72 in Charles Co., Md. just across the line from St. Mary's county.

"Donnock (m. Elice Nerhrilain - 1661) (d. 1716) (See p. 125 Vol. IV of Mackenzie's Colonial Families) was the progenitor of the wide-spread Dennis family of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.





"The gap between Justinian and Samuel, my great great grand-father (b. 1769) is covered only by scattered St. Mary's records which show persistence of a Dennis family down to 1819.

"My father, John William (b. 1828) of Rappahannock Co., Va. was told that his progenitors came from St. Mary's Co., Md. and were of the same descent as the Dennis family of the Eastern Shore of Maryland."

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PLATE 2A

\*Soldier in the American Revolution: Md. Archives, Vol. 18.

<p>: 1.*Aaron Sr.B.ca : 1732, d. between : 1783 and 1790. m. : Elizabeth. See : will of Moses.</p>	<p>: 1. Aaron Jr.b. ca : : 1753. : 2. Jesse b.ca 1754 : 3* James b.ca 1755; : d.May 1830, m. : Tabitha Franklin : of John..... : 4.*Jacob b.ca 1756 : m. Anda. : 5.Elizabeth m. : Thomas Truit. : 6.Martha m. John : Campbell. : 7.Hannah m. : Annanias Davis. : 8.Joseph b.ca 1760 : d.1813 m.Rebecca : 9.*Levi b.ca 1761 m. : Mary former wife : of Job Newton</p>	<p>:1.John Franklin, b. : 1799, * and : 2.Samuel b.1799 * :(Twins) d. 1855 near Woodstock, near Rockbridge, Rich- land Co., Wis.m.1st 1822 Mahilda Godfrey b.1801,d.1846 at Monroe, Wis. 10 children.m.2nd.Mrs Stewart. 1 child, James Bird. 3.Annanias b.before 1813. 4.Julia Ann m. Mr. Gormley. Issue. 5.Henry. 1.Joshua d.1811 2.Hannah 3.Nancy 4.Patty 5.Joseph Adm.to Joshua 1811. 6.Ebe. 7.Fanny</p>
<p>John b. ca 1710 d.after 1772 when he and wife Mary recorded the sale of property. He was then 62. Liber B p. 475, 509 and Liber I, p. 22.</p>	<p>: 2.*John,Jr.b.ca : 1734,d.1789.m. : Rachel.Will, : Worcester Co.... : 3.*Thomas b.ca : 1736 d.1799, m. : Mary. Will (W) : MH 10 p.425..... : 4.*Moses b.ca 1738 : d.1794. Will (W) : MH 10, p.171..... : 5.*Joshua b.ca 1740 : d.1813.m. Mary : Gordy. Will (W) : MH 4 p.367. : Rec'd 93 A off : "New Addition" : Mar.2, 1761 from : John (W) Liber E : p.94</p>	<p>: 1. David : 2. John : 3. Jared : 4. Dau. Eby. Devised: : also to Jno. : Schoolfield. : 1.Kendall d.1802 : 2.Ebenezer : 3.Thomas, Jr. : 4.Joseph : 5.Elizabeth : 6.Leah : No direct descend- ants mentioned in the will..... : 1.Joshua b. Nov. : 1777, d. Oct. : 1868. m. Eliz- abeth Atkins 1802 : 2.Nanny m. a White : 3.Tabitha. : 4.Sarah : 5.Mary : 6.Elizabeth m. Geo. Pruitt. One dau. Polly. 1.Elijah m. Sallie Hearn. 2.Joshua m. Mary Farlow. 3.Mordacai m. a Parsons. 4.Elisha m. Sally McGee. 5.Daniel m. 1st Caroline Fooks; 2nd Margaret Laws. 6.Mary m. Benj. Farlow. 7.Levisa m. Geo. Truitt. 8.Hannah m. Geo. Parsons.</p>



V.  
FARLOW LINE  
Ancestry of

PLATE 2b

Lynn Perry and Frank A. Perry

1	2	3	4
	1. David. Descendants not known.		
	2. Billy F. Farlow :		
	b. 8-20-1789 :	Descendants of this union are listed in	
	d. 8-25-1853 :	Fooks Family p. 199 and following pages.	
	m. Sarah Fooks :		
	b. 6-28-1794 :		
	d. 8-26-1884 :		
	3. Sarah Farlow :	List of their descendants have not been	
	m. Parsons :	tabulated.	
	4. Elizabeth Farlow :		
Benjamin	m. Pinter :	Do.	
Farlow	5. Nancy Farlow. :	No information of their descendants has	
b. July 4, 1756 :		come to the writer.	
d. Nov. 1821 :			
m. Elizabeth	6. George Farlow :		
Parsons :	b. c. a. 1795 :	Descendants of this union are listed in	
b. Feb. 18, 1765 :	d. 1877 :	Fooks Family p. 199 and subsequent pages.	
d. Jan. 28, 1856 :	m. Abigail Fooks :		
	b. 3-26-1798 :		
Will: (W)MH :	d. 1-29-1865 :	.....	
10 p. 598 Nov;	7. Benjamin Farlow :	1. Hannah Elizabeth Farlow b. Aug. 18,	
26, 1821. :	b. Aug. 17, 1804 :	1838, d. Mar. 28, 1928. m. Richard L.	
Pro. Jan. 4, :	d. Oct. 8, 1873 :	Parsons. No other data.	
1822. :	m. Mary Holloway :	2. Sarah Ann Farlow b. Aug. 11, 1838, d.	
Soldier in the :	of Joshua and :	Apr. 23, 1885. m. Oct. 9, 1856 to James	
Revolutionary :	Elizabeth :	Handy Farlow of Billy F. see 2. above.	
War. See: Md. :	Atkins. :	3. Mary Ellen Farlow b. Oct. 4, 1840, d.	
Archives, Vol. :	b. May 27, 1814 :	Oct. 8, 1933. m. D. H. Dennis, Dec. 17,	
18. Wor. Co. :	d. Nov. 23, 1881 :	1857. Children.	
Militia. :	Marriage date :	1. <u>Rose May Dennis m. Vandalia Perry</u>	
	(W), Feb. 8, 1834. :	2. Minnie Virginia Dennis m. Joseph H.	
		Jones.	
	Will. (Wic.)WB :	3. Annie Laurie Dennis m. Winfield K.	
	No. 2 AA P. 152 :	Allee.	
	Oct. 14, 1873. :	4. M. Frank Dennis m. DeCaroline A.	
	Dist. Oct. 16, :	Herring of New York.	
	1877. :	4. Nancy Turner Farlow m. Ebenezer	
		Dennis. She was b. Aug. 27, 1844. d. Jan.	
		1, 1927. See: Ante.	
		5. Mary Elizabeth Farlow b. Oct. 4, 1848	
		6. Joshua Ratcliff Farlow, b. Aug. 27,	
		1850, d. Nov. 21, 1926. m. Hester	
		Holloway of Joshua and Mary t.	
		Farlow	
		7. Benjamin Daniel Farlow, June 26, 1854,	
		m. Louise R. Parsons.	



















